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Source: CNMI Department of Public Health, World Health Organization

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## Gubernatorial candidates to face off for the first time today

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REPORTER

The four gubernatorial candidates in this

year's general elections will be facing off each other for the first time in today's youth summit organized by the 11th Youth Congress.

Youth Congress Speaker Alana Leon Guerrero said in an interview yesterday that the forum or the question-and-answer segment of the youth summit will

focus on the candidates' platform for the youth, and their stand on youth issues, especially education.

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## Over 20 presumed with swine flu

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Over 20 persons are now presumed to have contracted the novel influenza

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flu virus, also

known as

"swine flu,"

in the CNMI

according to

Public Health

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## Free two week medical, dental clinic at CHC

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Saipan residents, primarily with those who do not have medical insurance, will be able to avail of free medical and dental services at the Commonwealth Health Center during a two-week visit by members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion Command.

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### APPOINTMENT

Appointments can be made through CHC at 234-8950 or ACII clinic at 236-8308 or 236-8309 from Monday to Friday.



### SIGN OF THE TIMES

Marijo Turalba posts a "for sale" sign on the windshield of his friend's white 1994 Toyota Camry, the latest addition to the growing number of secondhand vehicles for sale parked in a vacant lot beside the Mount Carmel Cathedral and across the road from Payless Supermarket in Chalan Kanoa. Turalba yesterday said his friend wants to sell the car before leaving Saipan for good due to the bad economy and the uncertainties caused by the delayed federal takeover of CNMI immigration.

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## Fitial lifts foreign worker hiring ban at CUC



Fitial

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday ordered the lifting of hiring restrictions on non-U.S. citizen professionals at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., citing the Legislature's failure for months

to act on CUC's critical personnel needs to stabilize its operations, especially with Aggreko's temporary power generation contract ending on Sept. 12.

The governor's latest 30-day extension of the declaration of a state of disaster emergency for CUC suspends the legislative re-

striction on government hiring of foreign workers.

This means CUC can now hire more than 19 non-U.S. citizens for critical positions that cannot be filled by U.S. or local workers beyond Sept. 30, 2010.

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# Local

## 'L&T settlement is not admission of fault or violation'

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. has agreed to settle for \$1.7 million several discrimination and retaliation lawsuits filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against the now defunct garment factories.

L&T general counsel Steven P. Pixley said yesterday that L&T made the difficult decision to settle these disputed claims in order to resolve various cases filed by the EEOC in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

"One of the salient factors leading to the decision to settle these cases was the time and expense of defending these cases against a U.S. government agency with virtually unlimited

resources," Pixley said.

In settling these cases, he emphasized that L&T did not admit any violation of law.

According to EEOC's press release, the three-year, court-enforced consent decree will resolve four EEOC discrimination lawsuits against the employers and their affiliates.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson signed the consent decree, which resolve the lawsuits.

Besides the \$1.7 million settlement, the consent decree also requires the companies to institute broad injunctive relief and remedies.

EEOC acting chair Stuart J.

Ishimaru said "the resolutions of the cases bring a measure of justice to the many workers who were retaliated against and otherwise victimized by discriminatory employment practices because of their national origin, age, or pregnancy."

Pixley said the sensational allegations contained in the EEOC's press release constitute allegations that were denied by L&T in court pleadings.

Pixley said the apparel industry no longer exists in the CNMI as all garment factories have closed their doors.

These EEOC cases, the lawyer said, arose out of the downsizing of garment manufacturing operations in the CNMI.

"In futile effort to continue its garment manufacturing operations in Saipan, the company was compelled to make difficult decisions regarding its personnel," he said.

Pixley said there was never any intent to discriminate against any employee on the basis of race, national origin or any other factor.

"In fact, the company has an extremely diversified workforce. Many key executives, for example, are from the Republic of the Philippines," he said.

The Philippine government has repeatedly recognized L&T "as one of the outstanding employers of Philippine overseas workers." (Ferdie de la Torre)

## Teenager who punched man, taunted cop gets 6-day term

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A teenager accused of punching a man at a store and throwing rocks at a pursuing police officer has entered a guilty plea in the Superior Court.

Jaswin Peter, 18, also known as Jaswin Peter Mesik, pleaded guilty to assault and battery during a hearing Wednesday afternoon.

Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona accepted Peter's plea and sentenced him to one year in prison, all suspended except for six days. Manglona gave the defendant credit for the six days he had already served in jail.

The judge placed the defendant on probation and barred him from possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages during the term of his probation.

Peter was ordered to pay a \$100 annual probation fee and \$25 in court assessment fee.

Peter assaulted Zhen Cai on Feb. 2, 2009.

Detective Simon T. Manacop stated in his report that police officers responded to David Store in Koblerville shortly after the Department of Public Safety received a call about a disturbance at 1:01am.

When the officers arrived at the store, the victim, Cai, pointed to two male persons

who were walking east toward the street. Cai told the officers that one of the two punched him in the face.

The officers were able to stop one male but the other, later identified as Peter, ran away.

Peter, however, returned later, holding two fist-size rocks. He approached the officers and, as he was getting nearer, Sgt. Alfred Celes drew his gun and ordered the suspect to put down the rocks.

Peter ran off, prompting Police Officer Tarimai Yangetmai to chase him.

Yangetmai ordered Peter to put down the rocks, but the suspect instead taunted the officer, urging him to give chase. As Yangetmai moved closer, the suspect threw the rocks at him. The officer ducked to avoid the rocks.

Two other responding officers later spotted Peter near the Fire Station 4 and arrested him.

Cai told investigators that prior to the attack, he was inside David Store when he heard someone knocking on the window.

When Cai opened the door and asked Peter what he wanted, the suspect replied "What?"

Cai advised Peter to leave the store, but the suspect instead punched him in the face, according to the report. (Ferdie de la Torre)

### DUE TO LACK OF PERSONNEL:

## Mayor's office closed at noon

For over a year now, members of the public wanting to meet the Saipan mayor and transact business in his office could not do so during lunch hour following a decision to shut down operation during lunch break.

Mayor Juan B. Tudela said the measure was a result of the limited budget set aside for personnel and operation since last fiscal year when all agencies and departments experienced across-the-board cut in yearly appropriation.

"The decision to lock our office during lunch break was based on the number of available people we have. Since last year, we cannot afford to assign or transfer personnel to do the task of accommodating people even during this hour... because we don't have enough manpower," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The office, located in San Antonio, used to attend to people's needs from 8am to 5pm daily.

Tudela ordered the office to close from 11:30am to 12:30pm each day.

Tudela on Tuesday revealed that from last fiscal year's 67 employees, the mayor's office is now down to only 47.

Of the number, only six are

assigned to the office attending to various programs and functions under the municipality. Majority are assigned in the field such as beautification and delivery of services.

For every employee who resigned or retired from service, the mayor was not allowed to find a replacement at the advice of the Office of Management and Budget.

"Just recently, we lost two personnel but we did not hire replacements because we are not allowed under the current budget," he said.

The mayor described the \$2.1 million budget for his office—covering both personnel and operation—as the lowest since 2002.

Because of the anticipated budget cuts in the next fiscal year, Tudela said they are helping employees transfer to other work.

He expressed worry about the fate of his personnel when he leaves office next year. This is Tudela's last term in office.

For fiscal year 2010, the mayor proposed a \$3.5 million budget—a figure he admitted may not be realized following the advice of the administration that it may get the same budget, if not lesser.

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# School chiefs, managers to get up to \$5K bonus

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School administrators and program managers as well as teachers aspiring to become principals or vice principals may get up to \$5,000 salary bonus from the Public School System if they pass the school leadership licensure assessment to be eligible to get the one-time pay differential.

This came about after the

Board of Education approved the amendments to the existing employment regulations of PSS. The proposal has been published on the Commonwealth Register and will be effective after 10 days, or starting Aug. 3.

The same proposal wants teachers who take and pass the national teacher exam to be rewarded by providing a one-time salary adjustment amounting to \$3,000.

The same amount was also approved for principals, vice principals, program managers and teacher aides who take and pass both the Praxis 1 and applicable Praxis 2 exams.

The same proposed amendments to the PSS rules also want a pay differential for coaches and personnel of after-school activities.

"After-school differential, coaching differential, summer

school differential and Saturday school differential may be paid to PSS personnel who meet all BOE teacher certification requirements and have previously consulted and obtained approval from the Commissioner of Education," the proposed regulation states, adding that this differential shall be paid based on rates approved by the Education Board and provided funds are available.

Persons receiving after-school differential, coaching

differential, or summer school differential will not be eligible to receive overtime pay.

Coaches, however, may receive a waiver of the certification requirement from the commission for up to four years.

The proposed differentials provide \$300 per sports session for coaches; \$30 per day for after-school and which shall not exceed two hours; \$60 for half-day session during a Saturday event; and \$15 for each daily session of a before-school program that shall not exceed one hour.

For summer school, the board

approved \$100 full day, or six periods, for eligible personnel while \$60 for half-day or up to four periods.

Professional development differential was also recommended for PSS personnel who coordinate, facilitate or present at professional development seminars, workshops or training held on weekends or in the evening after working hours. But these presentations must secure a prior approval from the commissioner and amounts to \$100 daily for Saturdays and \$30 per evening presentation.

## Head Start employees soon to get one-time pay differential

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The Public School System wants to adopt a regulation that would give a one-time benefit differential to current employees of the Head Start program.

The proposed regulation, which amends existing Head Start program rules, is now posted at the Commonwealth Register and is awaiting public comments.

The board has approved that, beginning school year 2008-2009, Head Start teachers, teacher aides and support staff are eligible for a one-time pay differential of \$1,000 for those with two years or more of service and \$500 for those with less than two years.

This is in addition to the existing benefit provided to employees such as medical and life insurance as well as retirement benefits.

In an interview with Head Start director Keiko Yamagata yesterday, she said the proposed regulation was a recommendation from the Head Start Policy

Council and was supported by the Board of Education.

If the new regulation takes into effect, all 46 employees of the program will benefit.

Unlike public schools, Head Start at present employs no highly qualified teachers but Yamagata said that personnel are in the process of obtaining requirements to become HQT.

Under the PSS highly qualified teachers compensation plan, classroom teachers are provided a beginning salary of \$27,000 and a maximum of \$47,000 depending on the qualifications

and standards.

In order to become HQT, three requirements must be met: degree, Praxis, and valid teaching certificates.

The CNMI Head Start is a federally funded program under the Department of Health and Human Services, which provides developmental services for low-income children ages three to five and social services for their families.

There are twelve Head Start Centers on Saipan, Tinian and Rota combined. The program serves 462 children and their families throughout the CNMI and children and their families receive services in education, health, parent involvement, and social services.

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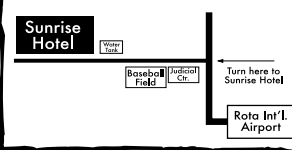
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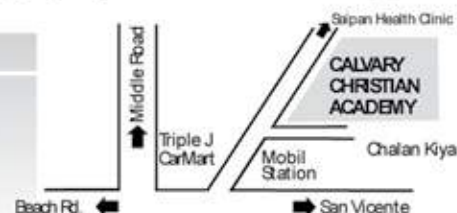


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# Covenant lawmaker seeks re-election as a Republican

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Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz of the Covenant Party is seeking re-election under the Republican Party.

Dela Cruz is seeking a third term in office in the November general elections, representing Precinct 3, which covers Garapan, San Jose, Gualo Rai, China Town, Puerto Rico, Sadog Tasi and the lower portion of Capital Hill.

In an interview Wednesday, Dela Cruz said even before the 2007 elections, he was already contemplating switching parties due to differences in

principles and ideas, including the Fitial administration's handling of a planned \$5.1 million contract to Guam-based DCM Group Inc. to fix the engines at Saipan's main power plant.

"The contract should not have been awarded in the first place without checking whether the company could perform the job," Dela Cruz said.

A year ago, CUC terminated its \$5.1-million contract with DCM for the latter's failure to perform its job.

Press secretary Charles Reyes separately said yesterday that CUC entered into a contract in good faith with a company that it believed would perform ac-

cording to their representations.

"The contract did not progress as well as we expected and CUC quickly moved to terminate the contract and find solutions to repair the engines, which we have done," Reyes said.

Reyes said CUC executive director Tony Muna, to his credit, "quickly and prudently moved to terminate the contract [with DCM], cut losses, and settle all legal issues... The point here is that CUC salvaged a situation and quickly moved to secure Aggreko engines and repair CUC's engines. This is real progress."

CUC paid DCM over \$400,000 un-

der its failed contract for engine repairs but it's not known how much has been recovered from the company to date.

Dela Cruz, a member of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication, also said that CUC should treat its customers better. He said CUC should not disconnect utility services to customers right away after the due date.

"The customers end up paying more to have the services reconnected when CUC could have been more forgiving, especially during these times," he said.

Dela Cruz said he deserves another

term in office for helping the community, whether under the Covenant or Republican Party.

Among other things, Dela Cruz introduced a House legislative initiative seeking an election for the CNMI's attorney general.

"As I've said before, an appointed attorney general is almost like a security blanket for any administration. We need an elected attorney general who is independent from any administration," he said. The original measure, however, failed but was reintroduced and has been under committee review.

## FITIAL

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shall be that CUC shall have the complete power, without regard to citizenship or otherwise lawful immigration status, to hire engineers, professional employees in technical or trade areas, power plant mechanics and utility technicians, either directly or indirectly," Fitial said in his 15-page executive order.

These professional employees may include sanitarians, engineers, accountants, information technology specialists, mechanics, electricians, well-drillers, pipe fitters, plumbers, wastewater treatment facilities operators, and other trades technicians.

Press secretary Charles Reyes separately said CUC, empowered by the governor's executive order, "will hire the staff it urgently needs to maintain stable operations."

"But we are still asking the Legislature to amend the law so that this portion of the declaration would not be necessary," Reyes told *Saipan Tribune*.

On July 13, Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz introduced a bill that will allow CUC to hire more alien workers to "ensure the smooth transition" of electric power generation after the September 2009 expiration of CUC's contract with Aggreko.

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios yesterday said in a phone interview that a session will be held early next week. But it's not known yet whether Dela Cruz's House Bill 16-264 will be acted on.

Fitial said the Legislature has not passed the bill despite CUC's request for immediate legislation.

"There is no alternative to providing this immediate relief other than an order from the governor. Inaction will produce a disaster in which CUC is unable to provide its critical community services," Fitial said in his Executive Order 2009-07.

Specific hiring details will be handled by CUC's human resources office and not the Office of the Governor.

Fitial's executive order extending anew the emergency declaration for CUC also formally recognizes the decision not to extend Aggreko's contract when it expires on Sept. 12.

CUC said a major challenge to carrying out its rehabilitation of power plants will be finding as soon as possible the eight more mechanics and eight more operators who are needed to carry out this project and run the equipment.

For months, CUC has tried to hire diesel mechanics in the CNMI, but has been unsuccessful in finding all the qualified candidates.

For example, CUC has identified 16

potential new staff after interviews — seven mechanics, one welder, one machinist, and seven operators. But only two of the candidates are U.S. citizens.

"CUC must have the staff required to adequately operate and maintain its equipment and machinery, or higher costs and loss of service will follow," the governor said, citing the reversal of the \$6 million-per-year benefit of ending Aggreko's temporary power contract.

Since September 2008, Aggreko has been renting out to CUC temporary, diesel-fired power generators that produce about 15 MW. CUC pays Aggreko a little over \$500,000 every month for the generators.

### Overtime costs

Presently, CUC is overworking its technical staff. From pay period numbers 2 through 11 of this year, CUC accumulated 18,053 hours of overtime from technical employees who have each worked 40 or more hours of overtime in a pay period.

"This condition is extreme. Such excessive hours result in inefficiencies and poor work quality, and can lead to dangerous mistakes. Workers cannot continue to perform adequately," Fitial said.

The governor first declared a state of emergency for CUC in August 2008 and has since been extending the emergency declaration every month.

## FREE

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The clinic will form part of what's called Innovative Readiness Training, which will be held from Aug. 10 to 14 and from Aug. 17 to 21. These two activities are part of health fair activities on Aug. 15.

CHC Medical Director Richard Brostrom said the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs tasked the 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve based in San Diego, California to conduct the IRT exercise.

Some 39 sailor and Marines will be joining the support staff from CHC for these activities.

US. Navy Capt. John M. Williams, commanding officer of the 4th Medical Battalion, and IRT officer in charge Capt. Anita Kobuszewski will be here to join the activity.

Brostrom earlier made the request for the IRT exercises through the CNMI Secretary of Health and the Office of the Governor, asking the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs for the CNMI to receive free medical and dental support.

Brostrom said the medical focus will include some specialist care, including neurology.

The general medicine will focus on diabetes mellitus and hypertension disease and optometry services.

The dental component will include specialty dental care with an emphasis on pediatrics with special needs.

"The clinics will be aimed mostly toward adults living on Saipan who have no medical insurance," Brostrom said.

He said that U.S. citizenship is not a requirement.

Brostrom assured the public that there would be no charge for the medical visits and that some medications would be offered.

Brostrom expects a thousand free patient visits in the two weeks of clinics.

The group coming to Saipan is composed of Navy Medical Department medical and dental providers and sailors and Marines from both 4th Medical Battalion and the 4th Dental Battalion based in Marietta, Georgia.

Brostrom said a Wellness Day with a focus on prevention is also being planned and may be offered to the community mid-way through the IRT exercise.

Continuing education opportunities will be made available to Saipan medical and dental providers, to be taught by 4th Medical Battalion and 4th Dental Battalion providers.

Appointments can be made through CHC at 234-8950 or ACII clinic at 236-8308 or 236-8309 from Monday to Friday.

Brostrom said most visits will be accepted by appointment only, as only 20 or 30 additional walk-ins without appointment will be accommodated each day.

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But the DPH assured the public that there is nothing to fear as the virus is now considered an ordinary illness.

Brostrom said the 20 persons presumed to have the H1N1 virus are only those who have been monitored with flu-like illnesses in various clinics on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

He said many have been tested with the rapid flu-test that would be sent to San Antonio, Texas, for further evaluation.

But Brostrom said that DPH may

not even have to send the results of the rapid flu test to Texas because the various clinics in the CNMI now have the capacity to do it.

"Quite likely, it's H1N1, which is now circulating in our community," he said.

There remains two confirmed cases of A(H1N1) in the CNMI: a 16-year-old local resident and a 26-year-old Japanese tourist.

Brostrom said there was no hospitalization required for these two patients.

He said the CNMI has only one hospitalized case and the patient is now doing well at home.

DPH assured that there are no deaths

yet from H1N1 in the CNMI.

Brostrom said there are a lot of children with cough and fever but nearly everybody is back to normal after just two or three days.

The Department of Public Health assured that this "swine flu" virus has now been considered an ordinary flu and some of those with the virus may not be even require hospitalization.

DPH advised the public that if they feel they have flu or fever, it is best for them to just stay home to prevent the spread of the virus because it is now in the community.

"We expect to have more cases," Brostrom said.

## GUBERNATORIAL

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"We have prepared questions for the candidates. We hope they won't go over the two-minute limitation in answering each of the questions," Leon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

Legislative Bureau director Glenna SP-Reyes lauded the Youth Congress for organizing a summit that will also bring together for the first time all the gubernatorial candidates in a formal setting.

Except for Ramon "Kumoi" Guerrero, who will be represented by his

running mate, Dr. David Borja, the other candidates have confirmed participation in today's forum, including Gov. Benigno R. Fitial of the Covenant Party, Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider of the Republican Party, and independent candidate Juan "Pan" Guerrero.

"I'm the best logical candidate for the youth," said Juan "Pan" Guerrero in a phone interview, separately confirming his attendance in the youth summit. "Most of the issues we face today relate to the youth—if there's no power or water, there won't be schools, for example. I'm glad to discuss issues that affect the youth, including higher education, employ-

ment opportunities, teen relationships, substance abuse."

Fitial is also pleased to accept the Youth Congress invitation to share his views on a variety of topics of interest to the CNMI youth population, press secretary Charles Reyes said yesterday.

"He will answer questions and discuss the administration's programs, accomplishments, and challenges. I expect the governor to discuss the economy, education, government operations, and other topics the Youth Congress may wish to raise at the forum," Reyes added.

The press secretary also expects the

forum to highlight Fitial's "record of leadership and accomplishment in the face of unprecedented CNMI challenges, including a global recession, a garment industry collapse, the dramatic devaluation of the Korean won, federalization, and other developments over the past three and a half years."

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios, the running mate of Rep. Heinz Hofschneider, separately said that Hofshneider will be attending the forum.

### Youth summit

The gubernatorial forum is among the events in today's 7th annual Teens in Motion summit organized by the Youth

very tired, cough, sore throat, headache, runny nose, lack of appetite and some may have nausea, diarrhea and vomiting.

Those who are at risk are children younger than five years old, pregnant women, adults 65 years old and older and those with chronic medical conditions like lung problems, asthma, heart disease (except high blood pressure), and advanced diabetes.

It also includes those with immunosuppression caused by medications such as steroids and cancer chemotherapy or HIV/AIDS or lupus.

Also at risk are children receiving aspirin therapy.

Congress, starting with the morning session at 8am.

Registration starts at 7:30am, and the morning session includes talks on substance abuse, teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, healthy eating habits, and challenge masters.

Ross Deleon Guerrero, Youth Congress secretary/coordinator, said event is limited to 150 participants.

Deleon Guerrero said the youth summit is open to those aged 14 to 20.

The 11th Youth Congress, which now has 14 youth senators, will also hold its Sine Die session on Saturday morning on Capital Hill.



# IT&E to hold job fair for possible call center expansion



IT&E, the communications leader in the Marianas, is preparing the waters of Saipan's labor pool this weekend with its first Job Fair.

According to IT&E's executive director of Contact Centers Division, Rob Harrell, the

purpose of this weekend's job fair is to determine the possible candidate pool for potential call center expansion in the CNMI.

"We are looking forward to a large turnout from the local workforce this Saturday and we hope to walk away from the job fair with a good idea of who will join the IT&E team when we begin to fill 250-300 new tele-

phone operator and support staff positions," said Harrell.

The IT&E Job Fair takes place this Saturday, Aug. 1, from 9am to 12pm at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Azucena Rooms 1&2.

After fielding numerous calls and inquiries from interested applicants in advance of the job fair, IT&E officials be-

lieve that this weekend's event will provide the complete picture of the local workforce's support in launching the CNMI's newest industry.

Candidates will be filling out applications and undergoing brief interviews at the job fair to review all necessary documents for full and part-time entry level and first level

management positions.

Interested applicants must have completed high school or an equivalency program, speak and understand English, be able to use a computer and type/input at the rate of 23 words per minute. Candidates must also be U.S. citizens, FSM citizens, green card holders or those legally authorized

to work in the CNMI.

While candidates will apply and interview for positions this weekend, the actual hiring for the possible call center expansion may take 60-90 days. The call center preparations are based on current negotiations and will enter the next stage after the qualifying certificate conditions are finalized. **(IT&E)**

## NMC's Fernandez elected as the new PPEC president

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REPORTER

Members and officials of the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council have chosen Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez to be their new chairperson during a recent election.

The Pacific Postsecondary Education Council, or PPEC, is composed of chief executive officers and presidents of the region's colleges and universities, including American Samoa Community College, the



Fernandez

College of Micronesia-FSM, the College of the Marshall Islands, Guam Community College, Palau Community College, the University of Guam, the University of Hawaii Community College System office, the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hawaii Community College, Honolulu

Community College, and Kapiolani Community College. Its objective is to encourage and develop regional planning of postsecondary education throughout the Pacific.

Fernandez has been meeting regularly with the members of

PPEC as they address a range of issues that affect students, like articulation and the seamless transfer of credits between member colleges.

"Your support truly exemplifies the purpose of this great organization, which is to support each other

and to ensure that we continuously excel as American higher education institutions," said Fernandez of her new appointment.

Fernandez also thanked PPEC members for their strong support during NMC's show-cause period.

NMC was severely sanctioned last year with a show cause standing due to the two team recommendations that were left uncorrected. WASC reaffirmed NMC's four years accreditation to 2012 early this month.

NMC board chair Charles Cepeda offered his congratulations to Fernandez on being selected as the new chairwoman of PPEC.

### Dance groups have until today to apply for Guam Fair

Groups interested in traditional Chamorro and Carolinian dances will have until today to submit application for the chance to represent the CNMI in the upcoming 22<sup>nd</sup> Guam Micronesian Island Fair.

Two slots, one for Carolinian and one of Chamorro, will be sent to the annual fair, to be held Oct. 16-18 at the Ypao Beach in Guam.

Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture arts coordinator Lucille T. Ayuyu said four groups have already submitted their applications but the two slots are still open to any interested groups for the audition.

Ayuyu said the audition would start next week when the danc-

ers will perform at the Thursday market in Garapan.

"They will be joining the audition each week until the last Thursday of August," Ayuyu said.

She said the purpose of this audition is to select the group that will best showcase the pride and culture of the CNMI people.

All Chamorro and Carolinian dance groups are encouraged to register at the Arts Councils office on Capital Hill next to the Post Office from July 27 to Aug. 3, from 7:30am to 5pm.

For more information, contact Lucille T. Ayuyu or George S. Fitial at (670) 322-9982/82 or 664-2576. **(Nazario Rodriguez Jr.)**



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# Dandan Elementary School gets 6-year accreditation

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REPORTER

After being twice accredited for three-year periods, Dandan Elementary School this time was accredited by the Western Asso-

ciation of Schools and Colleges for a full six years or until June 30, 2015.

Dandan principal Jonas Barcinas received the decision yesterday from the commission's chair, Thomas C. Beecher.

According to Beecher, the action was taken after a careful study of the visiting committee report, which noted many laudable aspects of the school.

"The commission is confident that DES' continuing

efforts to improve the school will be reinforced by prompt attention to the critical areas for follow up," Beecher told Barcinas in her letter.

Dandan is one of the 12 public schools in the Commonwealth

and is home to nearly 500 students every year.

Last February, the accrediting team was on campus for a five-day visit and inspection.

In its decision, WASC indicated that Dandan will be subject to a midterm accreditation review. The midterm review will consist of a written report outlining progress and a one-day visit by a two-member team. This must be completed by the end of the third year of the six-year term.

In the 23-page WASC's self-study report for Dandan, the commission said that DES must be commended for focusing on the learning process despite the many challenges it faces in its operations as a result of limited appropriation.

The school's ability to identify its strengths and its weaknesses and incorporate them into the school's action plan was also lauded.

WASC described the staff as a caring group who believes in what they do and the students they serve and commended the strong collaboration between and among students, teachers,

and staff.

It was convinced that DES is implementing a shared-decision making process.

Barcinas vowed yesterday to work on the areas identified by the commission for follow-up.

"I am so proud of my leadership, staff, students, parents, PTA, community leaders, government leaders, and most of all, PSS leaders. We're happy we did it again and it's a great way to start the school year," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

## EMO pushes extension of Anatahan emergency

The Emergency Management Office is asking Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to extend for another 30 days the Anatahan state of disaster emergency declaration, which expired on Wednesday.

The governor is expected to renew the latest emergency declaration, which was originally signed six years ago when Anatahan volcano erupted in 2003.

The declaration bans travels to the island except for scientific expeditions, and says that Anatahan remains unsafe for human habitation.

Joaquin P. Omar, deputy special assistant for the Emergency Management Office, on Tuesday sought Fitial's extension of declaration on Anatahan, saying the volcano appears to have entered a quiescent period but it is still possible for more activity, including gas and ash emissions, to resume at any time with little or no warning.

But for the past week, no eruptive activity or other unusual volcanic phenomena at Anatahan were reported by EMO's seismic staff and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Anatahan's volcanic alert level is still normal, while the aviation color code remains green for the volcano.

"We are once again respectfully soliciting your assistance in extending the declaration of emergency for the island of Anatahan for another 30 days and to maintain the off-limits zone from 10 nautical miles to 3 nautical miles around Anatahan until further notice," Omar told Fitial.

Under the emergency declaration, restriction to Anatahan should continue until a thorough scientific study is done and that the findings suggest otherwise.

Anatahan volcano, located 75 miles north of Saipan, suddenly erupted on the evening of May 10, 2003. It spewed out clouds of ashes that reached Philippine jurisdiction. No one was directly threatened by the initial strong explosive activity, because residents had long evacuated the small volcanic island. (*Haidee V. Eugenio*)



### FOUR GOVERNORS

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, second from right, joins Guam Gov. Felix Camacho, far right, and former Guam governors Joseph Ada, far left, and Paul Calvo in a light-hearted moment at the Guam Hilton Hotel, where a successful Fitial-Inos fundraiser was held on Monday, July 27.

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# New Philippine consul general starts tour of duty



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The Philippines' new consul general for the CNMI, Medardo G. Macaraig, vows to press ahead with the close relationship his predecessors have established with the local government and its people as well as with the Filipino community in the CNMI.

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The Philippines' new consul general for the CNMI vowed to press ahead with the close working relationship his predecessors have established with the local government and its people as well as with the Filipino community.

Medardo G. Macaraig, who was appointed by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to the post in May, arrived Sunday morning and reported for duty the following day.

His first public appearance was attending the 95<sup>th</sup> grand anniversary celebration of the Iglesia Ni Cristo Monday night.

Macaraig replaced former consul general Wilfredo DL. Maximo, whom he talked to before his departure from Manila last Saturday. He said he was briefed about the CNMI.

"Saipan is a nice place, regardless of what other people

say," said Macaraig.

He said the first thing he wants to do is to call on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

The Philippine Consulate General had already informed the Governor's Office about Macaraig's arrival but there is no scheduled meeting yet as of yesterday.

Macaraig will also meet with some government agencies, particularly the labor and immigration offices and the various Filipino organizations.

He wants to assure the Filipino community that he would continue all the projects of the consulate, saying his priority is to provide basic services for them: facilitating their passport renewal and any assistance they need.

Macaraig said he has already been briefed about the issue of federalization of immigration.

He said the consulate would continue to monitor this matter closely.

"As of now, we could not react because there are no rules yet. Until then, we can make the necessary adjustments," he said.

Macaraig asked Filipinos not to assume anything or that they will not be accommodated once federalization is implemented in November.

"We would pursue whatever is necessary but as of now, it's all speculations," he said.

Macaraig graduated with an architectural degree from the University of the Philippines-Diliman in 1984. He worked with the Metro Manila Authority (now the Metro Manila Development Authority) for 10 years.

He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1995 and in 1999 he was given his first tour of duty overseas at the Philippine Embassy in Ottawa, Canada, from 1999 to 2005. He rose

to the rank of consul.

After finishing his mandatory six-year tour of duty, he was

given an assignment at the DFA as executive director for the Office of Personnel and Adminis-

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## 5 cars at Vestcor burglarized

Burglars broke into five vehicles parked at the Vestcor Village Apartment Complex on Capital Hill over the weekend.

Department of Public Safety information officer Jason Tarkong said the suspects stole a Pioneer CD player, several sunglasses, keys, and other miscellaneous items.

Tarkong said the burglary occurred while the tenants were asleep in their apartments. They only discovered the incident early the next morning.

A police officer responded to Vestcor Village Apartment on Sunday at 9:44am after receiving a report of the burglary.

Police Officer John Cabrera noticed that the small quarter panel glass windows of the cars were smashed, leaving broken glasses inside the vehicles and

on the ground.

The suspects gained access into the vehicles—four sedans and one sports utility vehicle—through the small quarter panel glass window.

The NMI Crime Stoppers Program has offered up to \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

Car burglary cases have been noticeably on the rise on Saipan, particularly in Garapan and Chalan Kanoa. Many of these incidents, however, were not reported to the police and to the media.

A concerned citizen called *Saipan Tribune* to ask why the burglary at Vestcor Apartment was not in the news. After the inquiry was relayed to DPS, Tarkong immediately released information about the burglary. (Ferdie dela Torre)

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# Demapan questions legality of Senate consent

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Ousted Covenant mayoralty candidate Juan S. Demapan has questioned the need to obtain the consent of the Senate for any appointment to the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents.

Demapan was reacting to press secretary Charles Reyes Jr.'s earlier statement that he [Demapan] was never hired because he was never actually confirmed by the Senate.

"The recent outburst of the Fitial administration concerning my re-appointment to the NMC Board of Regents requires further clarification. We owe it to our people to set the record straight," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*, noting that his re-appointment was signed and approved by Fitial on June 24.

Demapan said that Article 15 of the CNMI Constitution does not require an appointee to the NMC board to be approved by the Senate.

"Given the facts, the Fitial administration can say anything they wish to say but they cannot hide from the truth. And one of the truth is that failure of the Fitial administration to properly transmit my appointment letters to NMC once signed and approved is a disturbing matter that could best be described as scandalous," he said.

The governor's spokesperson on Tuesday said in a statement that Demapan was never "fired" and was "never" hired in the first place because he was never actually confirmed by the senators.

Reyes previously stated that Demapan's term simply expired and that the governor never sent a re-nomination to the Senate. This was contradicted by Sen-

ate President Pete Reyes who confirmed receiving Demapan's nomination and re-appointment letter, signed by Fitial.

Fitial nominated Demapan to the NMC Board of Regents after former Regent Agnes McPhetres resigned from office. Fitial submitted Demapan's nomination to the Senate and was prepared to submit a re-nomination after

the initial term expired but then realized that the initial nomination was never approved.

"The governor still has two NMC Board nominations to make, and I expect him to submit those nominations to the Senate once those two candidates have been identified," said press secretary Reyes.

One board nomination will

represent Saipan and the other board nomination will represent the Carolinian community, as required by law.

Reyes said the administration is grateful for Demapan's willingness to serve NMC.

"We wish Mr. Demapan well," said Reyes. "We are sorry the Senate did not act on his nomination."



## DISTANCE LEARNING

Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, right, poses for a photo with Arthur Garbiso, left, chief information officer of the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning corporation, during a recent meeting. Fernandez and Garbiso discussed the details of a feasibility study that will help offer and implement a distance learning education program to benefit NMC students at the Rota and Tinian campuses. The aim of the study is to examine the current situation of both campuses, develop a plan that will incorporate accreditation requirements, and then recommend options that are the most feasible to address the situation. PREL is an independent, nonprofit corporation that serves the educational community in the U.S.-affiliated Pacific, as well as other countries in the world.

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## Teen pregnancy, substance abuse, election focus of Youth Summit

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Pregnancy among teenagers, substance abuse, the November gubernatorial election and other related issues will be the main topics of discussion in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit being held today at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Registration starts at 7am to 8am.

Over a hundred youths ranging from the age of 14 to 20 have already pre-regis-

tered for this year's event as of yesterday afternoon.

The theme of this year's congress is "Teens in Motion."

Morning sessions would be limited to a maximum of 150 participants.

The issues to be discussed include substance abuse, teen pregnancy and communicable diseases such as HIV, STD and AIDS. Experts will also discuss healthy habits.

Afternoon sessions, which start from 1pm until 4pm, will include a forum about the cur-

rent gubernatorial candidates.

There will also be a presentation about Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution (restrictions on the alienation of land).

This will be followed by the Youth Congress presentation, whose members would be having their next regular session tomorrow at the Legislature.

Alana May Leon Guerrero is the Speaker of the 11th CNMI Youth Congress. Adeleyah Charlotte Mojica and John Atalig Ayuyu are the Vice Speaker and Floor Leader.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 31, 2000

### GOP weighs impact of election reform

The Republican Party will look into the impact of the new election reform bill now pending before Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio on the forthcoming primary on the gubernatorial race, according to chairman Joseph C. Reyes. In particular, he said provisions allowing the Board of Elections to administer primaries are a big concern for the GOP. "The primary is a party matter. It should be left to the party to conduct that exercise," the Republican chairman said Friday. SB 12-16 cleared the House of Representatives last Thursday without amendment, tossing the measure to the governor for his signature. The legislation will repeal the Election Act of the CNMI, which has been untouched since 1977, and put in place new procedures and requirements for the registration of voters and the overall conduct of elections on the islands.

### CDA steps up campaign to lure foreign investments

As the CNMI faces an apparent tug of war between whether prioritizing concerns by the federal government or addressing problems faced by the business community amid the recession, the Commonwealth Development Authority has positioned itself to aggressively promoting the islands as an ideal place for foreign investments. In the last three years, the commerce department disclosed foreign investors pumped only about \$3.5 million in fresh capital to the Northern Marianas economy through a variety of new business activities. Between February 1997 and March 2000, Northern Marianas witnessed the entry of only 10 new foreign companies engaged in real estate, construction, computer consulting, wholesale, retail, furniture production and garment embroidery.

July 31, 2001

### Three missing off Tinian

A 17-footer boat carrying at least six Chinese nationals capsized some two miles south off the Tinian harbor Sunday. Three of the passengers are still missing as of press time. Rescue operations conducted jointly by teams from the United States Coast Guard, the Emergency Management Office, the Department of Public Safety, the Bureau of Customs, and the Department of Labor and Immigration proved futile yesterday to locate the three missing passengers, including two women. It was not clear whether the passengers, whose identities were withheld by authorities, were illegally sailing on CNMI waters.

### Teno renews lobby firm contract

The Tenorio administration has decided to retain the services of Greenberg Traurig until September 30 this year to buttress the CNMI government's efforts to block the passage of so-called anti-CNMI legislation at the US Congress. This comes in the wake of another resolution filed by Rep. George Miller at the US House of Representatives, which aims to implement mainland minimum wage and immigration requirements in the Commonwealth. During an interview yesterday, Tenorio said that, after due deliberation and extensive meetings with his staff, he has decided to extend the contract of Jack Abramoff of the lobby group Greenberg Traurig until the end of Fiscal Year 2001.

July 31, 2002

### Deficit threatens to escalate

Besides a severe cash-flow problem, the Babauta administration is also wrestling to contain a deficit that could go beyond \$18 million if the Legislature fails to find a way for it to spend beyond the \$197 million spending plan set for this year. To ensure that this does not happen, the administration, led by Gov. Juan N. Babauta and Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente, met Monday afternoon with the House of Representatives to map out a plan of action to get around this \$197 million limit. This came even as the administration still has two months to go before the end of the current fiscal year. With the Planning and Budgeting Act prohibiting the government from spending beyond its projected revenues, this effectively ties the hand of the administration from breaching the current \$197 million level, unless the Legislature cuts the path for it to do so.

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## Kilili to host 'town hall' meetings on three islands

CNMI residents will have soon an opportunity to meet with their congressman, Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, in a series of "town hall" style gatherings. At the town hall meetings, which will be hosted on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian, Sablan will be discussing his first months representing the Northern Marianas in Washington D.C., taking questions about issues important to NMI residents, and asking for input on legislation currently before Congress.

"I'm looking forward to the town hall sessions as a way to continue the dialogue about the challenges and opportunities we face as a Commonwealth and what can be accomplished in Congress to improve life now and improve the outlook for our future 30 to 50 years ahead," said Sablan.

The town halls will be held on Rota on Aug. 13 at the Sinapalo Elementary School, on Saipan on Aug. 14 at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe and Aug. 18 at the Kagman High School cafeteria and on Tinian on Aug. 17 at the Tinian Elementary School cafeteria. Each of the meetings will begin at 6pm and end at 8pm.

"I already hear by phone and e-mail from many people in the Marianas about their concerns and opinions regarding national policy and the events they hear or read about in the media," Sablan said. "But these town halls will give me a chance to see people face to face, and, I hope, hear from even more of the people I am representing in Congress.

"I want to talk with everyone directly about their concerns and what I can do to represent them well in Washington."

Some of the issues expected to be discussed are expanding educational opportunities for the people of the CNMI, the transition to federal immigration, energy alternatives for the islands, environmental protection, and the services Sablan's office can provide directly to constituents.

"I invite everyone to attend and participate in what I hope will be a very open and candid dialogue," said Sablan.

His office is currently conducting a poll on the homepage of the *Marianas Variety* website ([www.mvarietynews.com](http://www.mvarietynews.com)) to determine which issues to focus more attention on during the town hall meetings. Residents can log on to the website to indicate their preference about which topics should be discussed.

"No matter the range of opinions, I'm sure the discussion that takes place will be cordial, respectful, and meaningful," added Sablan. "I truly appreciate peoples' willingness to participate in their national government in this way." (PR)

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### Sins of the dictator

To what degree is the elected government of Iraq obligated to pay for the sins committed by the late dictator Saddam Hussein? Should neighboring Kuwait forgive Iraq's new leadership \$24 billion in outstanding debt for the destruction wrought by the 1990 invasion, a seven-month occupation, looting and the violent retreat of Iraqi forces? And is it relevant that Iraq may need the money more than Kuwait does? These are some of the questions the United Nations Security Council must consider when it addresses Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's request to release his country from the remaining sanctions imposed after the 1991 Gulf War, including a requirement that the country use its oil revenues to pay reparations.

The U.N. Compensation Commission calculated that Iraq owed \$50 billion to victims of the invasion, most of it to Kuwait, and the Security Council set aside 30 percent of Iraqi oil revenues to pay the debt. That was later cut to 5 percent, and having paid half the debt, Iraq now wants it reduced further or eliminated. The Iraqi government acknowledges that Kuwait is legally entitled to the compensation, but says that it's an undue burden on a country that was itself victimized by Saddam's regime, and that the money is needed to rebuild after the U.S. invasion and ensuing war. President Obama said last week that he would push the United Nations to lift the so-called Chapter 7 sanctions because Iraq no longer poses a threat to its neighbors.

Kuwait argues that the claims were calculated fairly and that international law binds a government to pay the state's debts regardless of who is in power; to forgive this would be to send the wrong message to aggressor nations. Moreover, the two countries have unresolved border and maritime disputes, as well as issues of missing Kuwaitis and government archives to be addressed under the sanctions.

Distrust runs high. Some Iraqis point out that Kuwait supported Saddam's repressive rule as a bulwark against Iran until it finally felt his aggression itself. Some Kuwaitis suspect that Iraq still has designs on their territory. Many Kuwaitis and other Sunni Muslims see the new Iraqi government as a proxy for Iran and are happy for the country to remain weak.

Yet an unstable Iraq serves no good purpose. Plenty of bankers would give their eye teeth for 50 cents on a dollar owed, and Kuwait already has received that. Iraq's political and economic development is in the interest of its neighbors, as well as of the United States. Kuwait should consider reducing reparations, and its proposal to reinvest some of the remaining debt in Iraq would benefit both countries. In return, Iraq should act quickly and decisively to resolve the other outstanding issues of concern to Kuwait, proving itself to be a good neighbor.

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THE SECOND OPINION

## The amazing retina

In order to see, a photon of light passes through the cornea, pupil and lens, and enters the vast vitreous chamber. Like a starship traveling through space it heads for its target, the retina, the thin layer of nerves and blood vessels coating the inside of the eye. The photon of light crashes into the retina and penetrates its surface, heading deep into its layers. There, below the retinal surface, the light activates the specially designed photoreceptors, the cones and rods, and sets off a chain reaction. These series of reactions do an amazing thing: they change light into electricity. Through these reactions an electrical signal is born. This signal then rises back toward the surface of the retina, through a meshwork of interconnected nerve cells. But the nerve cells don't just carry the electrical signal, they also modulate it. After all, when you look at the world, there isn't only one photon entering your eye at a time. No, there are wave after wave of photons continuously bombarding your retina. The millions of retinal cells work together, to convey the intricacies of those waves of light, defining color, depth, shading, hue, movement, brightness. A million supercomputers couldn't do the same thing that your retina is doing right now as you read this page.

As the electrical signals rise to the surface of the retina, they gather into 1.2 million discrete nerve fibers that converge to become a cable called the optic nerve. The electrical signals leave the back of the eye through the nerve fibers of the optic nerve, and race toward their ultimate target, the occipital lobe of the brain. There, the brain will interpret these signal to give you the sense of sight, to make the patterns of the millions of electrical signals look like a yellow daffodil, a moving car, or your mother's face.

From the cornea to the brain, all the parts of the visual system must work well together in order for you to see. Problems with any part of the visual system can interfere with your ability to see.

With the incredible number of reactions taking place each millisecond in the retina you can imagine that the retina needs a steady supply of oxygen and nutrients. You can guess that a constant flow of blood, carrying the necessary oxygen and nutrients, is crucial to the retina. The need for the oxygen carried in the blood, and the ability of diabetes to damage the blood vessels is why the retina is the part of the eye that is most susceptible to damage from diabetes. When we speak of diabetic eye disease, we're mostly talking about the damage to the retina caused by diabetes. We call it *diabetic retinopathy*.

Later, I'll share with you some of the advanced technologies we have available to look at these layers of the retina as I've described them. But now, I'd like to describe to you what the retina looks like when we look into the eye during an eye exam. Not all the regions of the retina are the same. Using an instrument called an *ophthalmoscope* (which is Latin for "thingy that looks into the eye") we look through the cornea, the pupil, the lens and the vitreous chamber, and here is what we see.

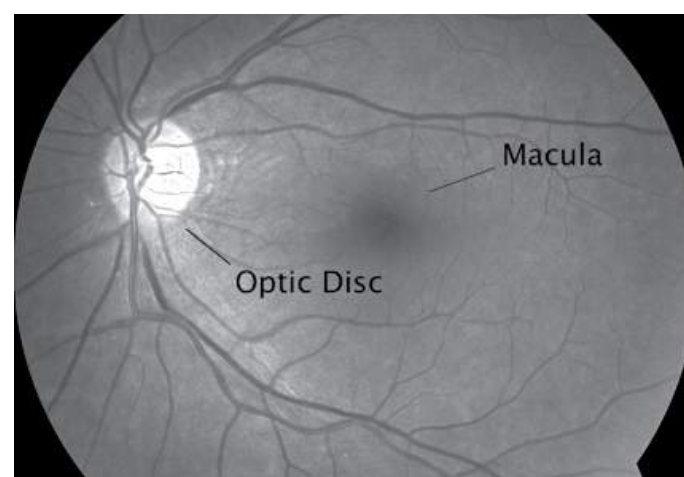
The brightest object in the retina is the pink *optic disc*. This is the surface of the optic nerve, that collection of 1.2 million nerve fibers

## BETTER LIVING

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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that leaves the eye and heads to the brain. Usually, the center of the optic nerve is excavated, and we call that the *optic cup*. In the center of the nerve, the major blood vessels of the retina enter and leave the eye. On the surface of the retina we can see these blood vessels branching, supplying oxygen to the far regions of the retina.

The area of the retina that we pay a lot of attention to in diabetes is an area called the *macula*. In Latin, macula means "spot." When the first doctors figured out how to look into an eye, they saw this area that was darker than the rest of the retina. Not knowing what it was for, they simply called it the spot. Now we know the function of the macula. In many ways it is the most important part of the retina because it is the area of your retina that is involved with your sharpest clearest vision. The very center of the macula has a special name, the *fovea*. And it is at the fovea that the absolute best vision takes place.

The macula is what you use for your straight-ahead vision. The rest of the retina can also see, but not as clearly as your macula. For example, when you look at these words, you are viewing them with your macula. As you move your eye across the page, you are moving your macula across each word. Any word that you look at

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## Weird germy things

I was looking forward to capping July with a look at how China's evolving economy might be able to ice the Commonwealth's tourism cake. But, like just about every other goal I had this year, this one has to be put off. As for the case at hand, it's a matter of pure practicality: The coming months will give us more clarity regarding the CNMI's eventual status with China's tourists, so we can avoid a lot of unnecessary speculation if we indulge a little bit of patience.

If you think that's a sloppy delay, then consider this: I'm going to catch up on a 9-year old story today; no, it's not economics. It's biology. Specifically, it's *Leptospirosis*.

This came back onto my radar screen because I'm pulling together some notes on waterborne diseases in the tropics. Before we get to that, though, let's look at some CNMI biological history.

From the summer of 2000 through the following summer, 10 people in the Commonwealth got hit with *Leptospirosis*, and three of them died from it. It's caused by a creepy (even by germ standards), freshwater-dwelling bacteria called *Leptospira*. The bacteria can enter the body through a cut if someone swims in infected waters, and drinking it can zap someone as well.

It's still a rare disease in humans, so I'm not fanning paranoia about it. New Caledonia, however, has logged 157 cases so far this year, according to an article carried in the July 3 *Marianas Variety*.

One way the germ is spread is via rat pee, among other delicacies. It doesn't take much imagination to ponder what might be scurrying atop one's rain-catching rooftop, and what might wash into the cistern. But since it's a bacteria, my pals and I were smugly secure in our knowledge that the fancy little water filters that we'd use to treat our rain water (when we needed to drink it) would filter out the threat.

Uh, wrong. Maybe I should have concentrated more on biology in high school, and less on auto shop. As it turns out, the *Leptospira* is really tiny, just 0.1 micron in diameter. A micron is a thousandth of a millimeter. A human hair is about 100 microns in diameter. And, more to the point, the pore size of a good quality portable water filter or some kitchen appliance ones is typically 0.3 or 0.2 microns. In other words, the bacteria is smaller in diameter than the filter pores and it can slip right through. Oops.

None of us suffered for our smugness, at least in this case. But it shows just how devious germs can be when they're trying to mess with us. I've had a few taps on the shoulder regarding this stuff. I've worked in a couple of places that, just my luck, were in the grips of cholera outbreaks. And my grandfather, a medical doctor who was an expert in tropical medicine, was dogged his entire life by amoebic dysentery that he contracted in India. (If you ever want to see really gross stuff, look at the photos in medical texts on tropical

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disease; you'll be on the next flight to Greenland).

When I took a work assignment in a very remote Pacific island, which shall remain nameless because I don't want to be seen as besmirching it, I didn't think to ask where the water came from, but I saw people using a very small lake, more like a pond, as combination toilet, water source, and fishing hole. It was a highly efficient process, I'll admit, and a superlative example of recycling.

It looks to me like clean water is something that can't be taken for granted. As the world's fresh water sources get more strained, and as I get more determined to build a house in a jungle so remote that not even my shadow can find me, learning more about waterborne germs, and how to keep them at bay, is a good use of time and effort.

## Third wave of investments

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The CNMI is situated away from mainstream USA and economies of scale in nearby Japan and Asia. The negative ripple effects that occur in these areas eventually find their way to our shores. One such phenomenon is the global financial meltdown that forced a screeching halt on investments in this part of the Pacific. But nearby countries are inching slowly toward recovery. The benefits of their efforts would eventually descend on these isles.

Investment may be a strange word for many of us from the islands. We've heard and read about it though we work hard at understanding what the beast is all about. But I'd read the *Wall Street Journal* daily and religiously to get an idea where things are going at the global investment level. It's an intricate network of powerful nations the likes of the U.S., China, Japan, among others, meeting

through their financial and economic experts trumping their cars from monetary rates to mergers, housing slump, etc.

We on the islands watch with daze how much longer the international economic wraths would last. I honestly pray each day that things would begin to turn for the better. We need whatever respite of hope would come our way in order to begin planning for our future. It's one tough responsibility building an economy from a resource-poor archipelago that is basically bankrupt. But there's also the opportunity to learn what would work best for our people, however protracted the positive results may be, quite apart from what we've envisioned as we lure economic ventures sailing into the islands.

There's what I have dubbed the first, second and third wave of investments. Where we are today is at the second tier. It's investments following the second tier that would make a difference in these isles. It is no longer a single economy of scale ready to build a partnership into our economic future, but a combination of multinational con-

sortium that have seen real advantages moving into the Marianas archipelago. We should prepare for this eventuality and it should be descending into these isles over the next year.

But we need to get our acts together in forging new partnerships that would give the fruits of our joint efforts real opportunities for both partners and host. We must study and learn the success stories of equally disadvantaged countries (resource-poor) whose economies are now thriving. We need young and educated minds to proactively partake in guiding these investments. We need to build a mature view of how these investments would work for both sides of the partnership. We must treat others from without as real partners.

And, we must learn to build and rebuild as we guide, help and guard large investments from cascading down from the top. It would be a fatal blow, a blow we least need. Let's lure the third wave to wash into our shores for the better. With hope and conviction we can declare with a huge grin on our face: We shall overcome!

### Letter to the Editor

## A voice for the 'wilderness'

The only remaining "wilderness" area on Saipan, an area left undisturbed for 30 years or more, is about to be destroyed. There used to be a dirt road through there, rarely traveled because there weren't many people or all that many cars on island at the time. In the '70s, two bridges along the road collapsed, isolating the area even more.

At some point, someone who's probably left island long since drew up plans to re-construct the road. As is typical here, they were promptly shelved.

Now those plans have been dusted off, and steps are being taken to put them into effect—to re-build that rarely used small dirt road into a paved highway. The reason behind this move it not at all clear except that federal money is involved, and theoretically, it would be good for the economy to spend it.

The road would connect what is now the Kingfisher Golf course with Bird Island lookout. The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration has prepared a draft environmental assessment and announced just last week that the EA is "available" for comment. The comment period closes on Aug. 19, 2009.

Though (re)construction of the road might have been justified at the height of the tourism bubble, in today's economy that justification no longer has merit. The demand simply is not there.

The road would cut through an area that, undisturbed since the 1970s, has allowed a proliferation of wildlife and natural growth, and a depth of species and numbers of both flora and fauna not seen to any significant extent in any other part of Saipan, or in the other two populated islands, for that matter. Functioning as a natural wildlife sanctuary, the area feeds and supports the rest

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of the islands in maintaining their natural populations throughout. Properly managed, it could also offer any number of eco-tourism-type trails and hikes to tourists seeking something different from Guam's urban setting, thus strengthening a CNMI market niche of pastoral "R&R."

However, if the road is built, all this would disappear, disrupting and destroying natural habitat just by virtue of the construction process itself, and continuing to decimate the populations of flora and fauna by the fact that the entire area would suddenly become easily accessible to locals as well as tourists, and thereby prone to development, not to mention predation, vandalism, general degradation—the complete opposite of what the area now offers.

The area's function as a sanctuary contributes to the natural welfare of the island and its people, it supports the island's focus on environmental responsibility, it is ecologically meaningful.

The area's destruction by the re-construction of an intrusive road would cause tremendous damage and accomplish very little.

The area also contains numerous significant archaeological sites which are now thankfully protected by their relative inaccessibility in that remote area of the island. Were the road to be built, those archaeological sites would soon be discovered, pillaged, defaced and destroyed. Not only are the sites considered sacred but they are also extremely important sources of information about the history and culture of the people of the CNMI. There is no way they can all be protected and preserved once the road is put through. Those sites will be desecrated, and lost.

The Hawaii Division, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, would do well to reconsider its intent to re-construct a highway that has been defunct for many years, that no longer serves the purpose it was once intended for, and that would cause tremendous ecological and archaeological damage to the entire area. Surely better uses can be found for the funds involved.

I would urge concerned readers join me in registering their protests. Perhaps a public hearing should also be asked for?

A copy of the Draft EA can be obtained by contacting Ms. Richelle Takara, Federal Highway Administration, Hawaii Division, Box 50206, 300 Ala Moana Blvd, Rm 3-306, Honolulu, HI 96850. Further information is available from Ms. Takara by phone at 808-54-2700, ext 2311, by e-mail at Richelle.Takara@dot.gov, or by mail at the above address.

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## THE AMAZING

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directly is crystal clear, but the words just to the left or right of it are not as clear, because those adjacent words are not on the retina.

While you hold this page, you may also see your hands, maybe you can see some objects beyond your hands. But those objects are not clear until you move them onto your macula by looking directly at them. The macula is for your straight ahead, sharpest clearest vision, and the other adjacent parts of the retina are for

your peripheral side vision which although very important, does not have the clarity of the macula.






This knowledge of the retina will help you understand the details of diabetic retinopathy and of what we look for when we examine your eyes.



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Rain	▲85 ▼78
Chuuk	Rain	▲88 ▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼77
Kosrae	Rain	▲87 ▼79
Majuro	Rain	▲85 ▼80

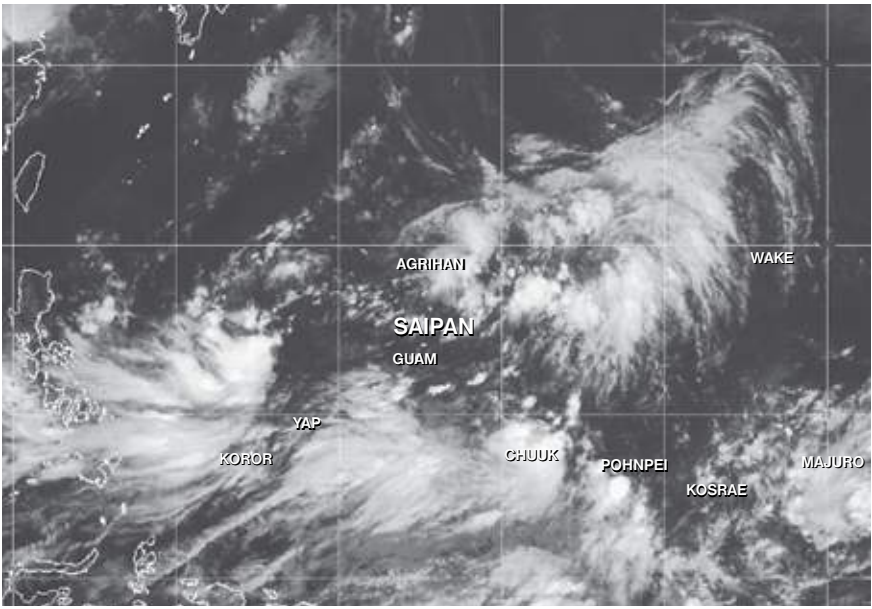
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲58 ▼51
Beijing	Sunny	▲91 ▼75
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼81
Honolulu	Showers	▲85 ▼77
London	Cloudy	▲72 ▼55
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲82 ▼64
Manila	Showers	▲86 ▼77
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲60 ▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲91 ▼79
New York	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼72
Osaka	Cloudy	▲84 ▼74
Paris	Partly Sunny	▲75 ▼61
Pusan	Cloudy	▲83 ▼70
Rome	Sunny	▲91 ▼66
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲92 ▼58
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲67 ▼56
Seoul	Showers	▲84 ▼69
Tokyo	Rain	▲85 ▼73
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲90 ▼71

### Tides

Saipan Harbor		
1:45 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
9:49 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
5:38 PM Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
9:38 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends southeastward from 16N130E to a circulation west of Guam near 13N137E then eastward to 13N150E then southeastward to end near 2N163E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are west of Yap and northwest of Palau or west of a line from 15N138E to 6N135E and from east of Yap and just south of Guam across Chuuk to south of Pohnpei in a large area from 13N143E to 6N160E to 3N160E to EQ155E to EQ150E to 3N148E to 5N136E back to 13N143E. A surface trough extends from 17N155E to 25N152E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are in an area from 22N146E to 25N164E to 14N159E to 18N145E back to 22N146E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Marshall Islands between 3N and 9N from 168E to 180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Sunday	6:00 AM	6:47 PM
Monday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:16 PM	12:50 AM
Saturday	3:09 PM	1:39 AM
Sunday	4:00 PM	2:29 AM
Monday	4:47 PM	3:21 AM
Tuesday	5:32 PM	4:13 AM

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<b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM</b> C09597 12:50pm 1:20pm 1, 7	<b>GUAM-ROTA (ROP)</b> C09598 2:10am 2:40am 5, 6 C09312 12:10pm 12:40pm 6
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<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b> C0941 5:30am 8:05am Daily NW99 6:05am 8:40am Daily NW78 9:00am 2:05pm Daily via NGO NW75 3:50pm 6:25pm Daily C0943 5:25pm 8:00pm Daily	<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b> C0942 9:25am 1:55pm Daily NW76 10:00am 2:35pm Daily NW77 6:35pm 1:40am+1 Daily via NGO NW100 8:45pm 1:20am+1 Daily C0944 9:00pm 1:30am+1 Daily
<b>SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)</b> OZ119 4:00am 6:40am 1, 3, 4, 6	<b>OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN</b> OZ120 9:55pm 2:20am+1 2, 3, 5, 7
<b>SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)</b> NW78 9:00am 11:40am Daily	<b>NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN</b> NW77 9:10pm 1:40am+1 Daily
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Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; NW: Northwest; OZ: Asiana  
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily
Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123*	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125*	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
<b>Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**</b>			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily



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## Stray animals scare away idiots

OK, so the lady visitor from Japan was upset at our dog problem and allowed it to ruin her vacation? She felt that she had been robbed of the \$2,000 that she spent on her vacation here.

She should look in the mirror if she wants to see who robbed her.

She didn't like the brochures that left out, "And besides the beautiful beaches we also have stray dogs on the island," like every other island in the Pacific, and every other place in the world. She didn't like Garapan, and apparently hated the beach vendors. Did she like the sand? How about the beautiful weather?

Did she expect that things would have been any different in Palau, her alternative vacation spot?

There is a lot to see on Saipan besides the beautiful beaches. The people are wonderful, the island is gorgeous, there's plenty to do in the way of eco-tourism, hiking and mountain biking, along with lots of diving, snorkeling, boating, and sun bathing/burning, to mention just a few things to occupy your time.

We also have an adult industry in Garapan, we have prostitution, we have plenty of bars, and churches, and parking tickets that go unpaid. Occasionally you'll see a drunk person trying to navigate the sidewalk. Oh yeah, we also have some stray dogs!

Let me see, the last time I was in upstate New

York, I saw some stray dogs, and two dead cats on the road! I'll never go back there again, unless I want to visit my friends, or attend a veterinary meeting in Cornell, or take in a show in New York City, or just take in the scenery of beautiful upstate New York. I think I can figure out that even New York has its problems and I choose not to let that spoil my vacation.

Best regards, dear lady, and don't let the gate hit you in the butt on the way out the door!

And before I forget, we have two veterinarians on Saipan.

One government veterinarian that runs a clinic for the poor, and one private practicing veterinarian that runs a stateside-style veterinary hospital that can heal or fix just about anything.

I would be very interested, if you would be so kind as to enlighten me, how Saipan's having a "kennel" is going to "save the public from paying excessive fees for animal care?" Maybe it would also help us to keep from paying excessive fees at CHC or CUC. Thanks for adding more fluff to that pipe dream!

We are already covered relative to veterinary medicine; it's just up to the people of Saipan to choose to take advantage of it.

**Ed Tudor, DVM**  
*Sadog Tasi, Saipan*

## Thank you

The Sugar Dock Local Non-Profit group members would like to extend a most sincere appreciation to the following individuals and other numerous individuals and companies whom we failed mention, that made the blessing of the Santa Maria Emaculada possible:

Rep. Heinz Hofschneider  
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Thank you for your support and participation in making this event possible.

**Max Agoun**  
**Irene Guerrero**  
*Sugar Dock Local Non-Profit Group*

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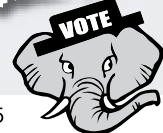


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# Law enforcers undergo Red Cross safety training



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Law enforcement personnel have their picture taken after successfully completing the eight-hour Advanced Health & Safety Course at the American Red Cross training room on Tuesday. DPS will be certifying over 100 of their personnel in the weeks to come.

The Department of Public Safety underwent health and safety training this past week from the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

DPS sent close to two dozen personnel to take CPR for the Professional Rescuers Course.

The eight-hour advanced training course goes into detail as to the type of care that they provide for the different situations they find themselves in, from the basics of applying a bandage to stop bleeding to using an oxygen tank and an automated external defibrillator in the event of a heart attack.

## CONTACT INFO

American Red Cross  
Tel: 234-3459

Being that majority of first responders on the scene are police officers, they are able to provide more advanced care before EMS arrives. Both the DPS and

the American Red Cross believe that getting their personnel trained in lifesaving skills proves vital for the community.

DPS is looking at certifying most, if not all, of their personnel in the weeks to come, from highway patrol and traffic officers, to the Criminal Investigation Bureau and Bureau of

Motor Vehicles staff, to administrative personnel.

For more information on Health & Safety training courses, contact the American Red Cross office at 234-3459. (PR)

## Help sought on missing dog

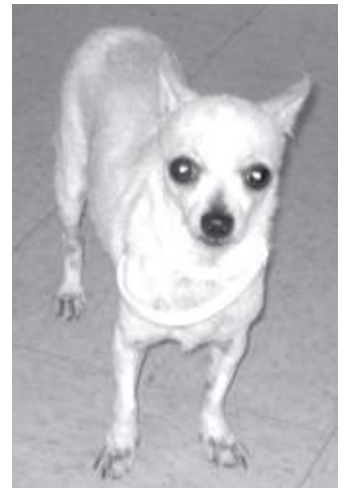
Last Sunday started like any other day, although 6 year-old Jenisha Dubrall did not know it would be the last time she would see her best friend, Bell.

Bell is a Chihuahua that has been raised by the Dubrall family and has been missing for the past several days.

"I miss her so very much and I have been praying every day and night for Bell to come back home. Bell makes me laugh when I'm sad and plays with me when I'm bored. Please help me find Bell so I can play with her again," said Jenisha. "She needs to be where she belongs, with me and her family."

Bell is only 3 years old and is a white Chihuahua with some light brown coating. She is about seven inches tall, 10 inches long and has a lot of birthmark looking spots on her belly, said Jenisha.

"A reward will be given for her safe return home," she said.



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Bell was last seen around 9am in Tottotville, Koblerville on July 26. Call Jenisha at 287-3966, 288-4032, or 256-5826 if you have any information on the missing dog. (PR)

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Marpi detonation in August

This is to advise the public, especially tour and dive operators, farmers, joggers and bikers, that the Marpi area will be closed off on Friday, Aug 7, 2009, from 12pm to 3pm for the detonation operation that will be conducted by the Department of Public Safety, the Emergency Management Office, and the U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Marianas.

The location of activity will be at the Laderan Laggun cliff line, about a mile north of Marpi landfill.

The only area that will not be closed off will be Suicide Cliff, which will be the main viewing point for the detonation. Public access to Suicide Cliff is allowed only through the road leading up to the Far East Broadcasting antenna for viewing purpose. DPS will set up security posts to enforce and control traffic movement for safety purpose.

For more information, call the Department of Public Safety PIO at 664-9023. (DPS)

### High surf until Saturday

Based on the information received from National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Management, an increasing swell from the southeast will produce hazardous surf on west and south facing reefs until Saturday night.

A high surf advisory is in effect from 6am Thursday to 6pm Sunday.

High surf and dangerous rip currents will affect exposed reefs and beaches. Expect hazardous surf of 7-9 feet on west and south facing reefs starting Thursday morning. Surf should rise to 8-10 feet Friday, then slowly fall on Saturday.

EMO is strongly advising the public—especially fishermen, tour operators, divers and swimmers stay out of the water or avoid venturing into exposed beaches, especially along north facing reefs, where rip currents will be life-threatening. (EMO)

### Veterans briefing

All veterans are being informed that on Aug. 10-12, 2009, Danielle Gualtieri, the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs public contact and outreach specialist for Guam and the CNMI, will be on Saipan to talk with veterans about their federal benefits. In addition, Ray Chang, also from the Federal VA, will be on Saipan on Aug. 12 to brief veterans on the VA home loan and adaptive housing. They will also be entertaining questions and assist with claims. Date, time and place of the briefing is as follows:

- Rota: Aug. 10-11, at the Rota Mayor's Office, conference room
  - Saipan: Aug. 12-13, 8am-4pm at the Office of Military/Veterans Affairs on Capital Hill, building 1364. Aug. 12 only, Adaptive Housing, Ray Chang.
  - Tinian: Aug. 14, 8am-4pm at the Tinian Mayor's Office
- For further information, call Ruth Coleman at 664-2650. (PR)



## 'Zoning law's suspension sends the wrong message'

Saipan's new Zoning administrator acknowledges that there have been difficulties and, in some cases, flawed interpretation of the Saipan zoning law but throwing out the whole zoning code yet again would be a waste for the community and send investors the wrong message.

"A good zoning code is about improving the quality of life for all citizens, both business people and residents," said Victor Barrett. "The island has gained valuable experience over the short 16 months that zoning has been in place. Significant time, effort, and money have been invested in the process. We should not say it's too hard and just give up."

Barrett was responding to a bill introduced by Rep. Stanley Torres that seeks to again suspend the implementation of the Saipan zoning law.

"There are no unintended effects, as the bill contends, but we have experienced the inevitable growing pains that developing a zoning code for an island community that has been without any formal land planning for over 3,000 years would naturally bring. We should not squander this hard won insight and the opportunity to build a better code," Barrett said.

He said suspending the law now would be unfair to the hundreds of businesses that have followed the code and to the businesses planning new projects under the current law.

"I fear that any suspension of the law will halt what little planned development we do have dead in its tracks, and allow opportunist and indiscriminate uses to take root once again. This will further devalue our built environment," he said. "The last thing any serious real estate investor wants is the uncertainty created by not having effective zoning."

According to Barrett, he now has a much better process in place and more experienced staff, allowing for the vast majority of new and existing businesses to be cleared by the Zoning Office on the same day. He is tackling the thorny issues of the Adult Entertainment District and signage head on and will be making announcements shortly.

His office will be holding weekly meetings with the island's villages, starting with Kagman on Aug. 19, where Barrett want to hear issues and concerns.

"I also want to hear ideas for improvement from residents and businesses, as well as their vision and specific community goals," Barrett said. "With this knowledge I can work on the required revisions and additions to the code that will create a flexible and

adaptable smart code, and 'island style' zoning code."

Barrett believes that with a zoning code that reflects the values and vision of the community, the island can offer investors and developers an environment that will attract quality projects from around the world.

"Zoning provides predictability and the assurance of neighboring compatible uses that major projects require. Developers want to be sure that their investment will be profitable and increase in value. Allowing a junk yard, heavy manufacturing, or mining to locate anywhere will stifle quality investment. The now abandoned, cheaply built, and poorly designed buildings of the garment industry that are scattered all over the island have reduced surrounding property values by millions of dollars. They are an eyesore and a structural and environmental mess that will be a major impediment to redevelopment for many years to come. We can't afford to allow that to happen again," said Barrett.

"We also want to spare people the problems associated with industrial enterprises moving into residential neighbors. No one wants to live next to a auto-body shop or gas station."

"There are great opportunities ahead for the CNMI, and the Zoning Office can play an important role in maximizing long term benefits. The islands will receive over \$30 million from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act to invest in energy projects, for which the development of zoning guidelines that promote sustainable development is an important requirement. Also, if we get it right, as money is spent and world attention focuses on the military projects in Guam, CNMI will be in an enviable position to benefit from high-quality investment."

"I am anxious to bring my case against zoning suspension to the delegation. As we work through this period of adjustment, our office will work with the clients to find a solution to problem with the code that may arise. I am looking to the businesses of our island to help us create a more workable and adaptable code... one that is flexible enough to change as economic, environmental, and climate circumstances warrant. We are an island blessed with rare natural beauty and abundance. The Island Zoning Code that will emerge from our efforts must strengthen the cultural heritage, protect our pristine environment, and help implement the island's vision for a better future for residents and businesses alike." (PR)

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R09-011B	2005	ECHO 4DR	AUTO	71652	GRAY	ADK-841	8,699	
R08-019F	2005	COROLLA 4DR	AUTO	41092	WHITE	ACD-346	<del>10,799</del>	8,999
R09-010F	2006	COROLLA 4DR	AUTO	59360	SILVER	ADO-711	11,999	
N/A	2007	COROLLA 4DR	AUTO	20421	WHITE	ADW-292	12,399	
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## Deadline extended for Businesswoman of the Year grants

The deadline to submit completed applications for the Businesswoman of the Year scholarship sponsored by First Hawaiian Bank and Guam Business has been extended to Aug. 14, 2009.

The program provides student scholarships at three higher education institutions in the Mariana Islands: The University of Guam, Guam Community College, and the Northern Marianas College.

Application forms are available from the financial aid offices of all three institutions, at the First Hawaiian Bank branches, and the Glimpses of Guam office. Applications must be submitted by August 14 (those in the CNMI can submit their applications to the NMC Financial Aid Office in As Terlaje, Saipan).

The scholarships are intended to "promote higher education by providing financial assistance for college students in their pursuit of professional careers," and are open to both full-time and part-time students. The scholarships will be awarded based on merit, eligibility, a written essay, and financial need. Applicants should have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Laura-Lynn V. Dacanay, senior vice president and re-

gion manager for Guam and the CNMI for First Hawaiian Bank, said, "We are delighted to be able to open the Businesswoman of the Year Scholarship Program to even more students in the Marianas, thanks to the generous support from the business community."

Maureen N. Maratita, publisher of Glimpses Publications, said, "This Scholarship Program is designed to be unique in many ways, and also has the support of community organizations such as the Guam Council of Women's Clubs, the Guam Women's Club, the Korean Women's Association on Guam, and Soroptimist International of the Marianas."

Funds for the scholarships were raised through the 2009 Businesswoman of the Year Gala, held at the Hyatt Regency Guam on April 25. The sold-out event was attended by hundreds of supporters of the program. The event raises funds for these scholarships and recognizes women who make a difference in business.

For more information and to download a copy of the application form and the policies, please visit [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu). (NMC)

## NMC to give fee waivers to Aug. information session participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's free all-day information session will qualify to receive fee waivers for the upcoming Fall 2009 semester—a savings of about \$75.

The all-day event will take place on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, at the NMC Student Center in Building J at the As Terlaje campus. Individuals can choose to attend the information session anytime between 9am and 7pm.

Those interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers are encouraged to attend this event to meet and speak with faculty and staff from the college's different degree and certificate programs. Current students will also be sharing their experiences at NMC.

Counseling, financial aid, admissions, and other NMC staff will also be on hand to answer questions and to assist in the admissions and financial aid process.

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ing a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, associate degrees in business, liberal arts, nursing, natural resource management, criminal justice, hospitality management, and more. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

The free all-day information session is open to everyone, including high school students and graduates, and their parents, government and private sector employees, international students, and members of the public who are interested in learning more about the programs at NMC.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 ext. 1528, or log on to [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu). (NMC)

## Drinking water problem corrected in Chalan Kiya

Chalan Kiya residents were notified on July 29 of a problem with the drinking water and were advised to boil their water before using. Yesterday, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said the problem has been corrected and that it is no longer necessary to boil the water before using it.

The chlorine treatment was found to be providing adequate chlorine to the area in Chalan

Kiya residence. Repeat samples on (Duenas Well) collected on Wednesday, July 29, were tested and found to be free of both total coliform and E.coli.

The public may contact the Water Division Manager, Mariano R. Iglecias, at 235-7025 through 235-7031 or Heidi Yelin, CUC Water Quality Laboratory manager, at 322-5140 with any comments or questions. (CUC)

## FUNDRAISING DINNER



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# 1st cha-cha concert fundraiser

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With live music from Olom-waay, Parker and Burning Bush, the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities is hosting a cha-cha concert fundraising event that's sure to get you on your feet.

"Blame it on the Cha Cha Cha," is the Council's first cha-cha concert fundraiser, to be held this Aug. 28 at the Saipan World Resort Jungle Stage from 5:30pm to 10:30pm.

"We are excited to host this event as a fun fundraiser and as a way for us to reach out to the community," said Tony Deleon Guerrero, NMIHC executive director.

The council is also seeking sponsors for this community event and is urging those who

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could extend educational tax credit to the council to do so.

"This fundraiser would help us continue many of the important cultural and community programs we offer every year," said Deleon Guerrero.

The Educational Tax Credit program allows taxpayers—businesses or individuals—to make cash contributions to the Humanities Council and receive a nonrefundable credit against local wage and salary, gross receipts, and earnings taxes. The credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the actual tax owed to the CNMI government.

The Council is a private, non-profit, organization with 501(c)(3) status that has operated in the Commonwealth since 1991

and is eligible to receive Educational Tax Credit or ETC. Its mission is to foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth.

"Blame it on the Cha Cha Cha" will feature a cha-cha contest, live performances all night long and a chance to help a great community organization.

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# Business

## May-June joblessness up in 90 pct of metro areas

WASHINGTON (AP)—More than 90 percent of the nation's largest metropolitan areas saw their unemployment rates climb in June from the previous month.

Some of the biggest increases hit college towns, where the annual summertime exodus of students causes bars, restaurants and other businesses to cut staff. The Detroit area, hit hard by manufacturing layoffs tied to the beleaguered auto industry, also got stung in June.

Unemployment rates rose from May to June in 348 of more than 370 metro areas, according to an Associated Press analysis of Labor Department data released Wednesday.

The figures aren't adjusted to account for seasonal trends,

such as lifeguards hired during summer or retail clerks let go after the holiday shopping season. So they tend to be volatile from month to month.

The Labor Department does not provide seasonally adjusted metro area unemployment data. It does adjust the national unemployment rate for seasonal factors. The U.S. jobless rate, which hit 9.5 percent in June, is expected to rise to 9.7 percent when the department reports the July rate next week.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., home to the University of Alabama, suffered the biggest monthly increase in unemployment from May to June. Its jobless rate jumped to 12.5 percent in June, up 3.8 percentage points.

Michigan's metro area of Detroit-Warren-Livonia posted the second-biggest monthly gain. The unemployment rate there climbed to 17.1 percent, a gain of 2.2 percentage points.

Pocatello, site of Idaho State University, saw the third-biggest monthly rise. The metro area's unemployment rate rose to 7.8 percent in June, up 2 percentage points from May.

Next were Laredo, Texas, home of Laredo Community College, with a June jobless rate of 9.4 percent; Lafayette, Ind., which includes Purdue University, with a rate of 10.5 percent; and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas, at 11.1 percent. Each saw its unemployment rate rise 1.7 percentage points from May.

When the unemployment data is seasonally adjusted and viewed over the past year, all 372 of the largest metro areas saw their unemployment rates move higher in June for the sixth month in a row, the Labor Department said.

Kokomo, Ind., suffered the biggest over-the-year gain in unemployment. Its rate rose to 19.2 percent in June, an increase of 11.8 percentage points from June 2008. Elkhart-Goshen had the second-largest gain. Its jobless rate of 16.8 percent was up 10 percentage points from last year. Monroe, Mich., the third-biggest gainer, registered an unemployment rate of 17.1 percent in June, up 8.6 percentage points from a year ago.

## Fed survey: Stabilization seen in some regions

WASHINGTON (AP)—The economy is finally showing signs of stabilizing in some regions of the country—especially in parts of the Northeast and Midwest—bolstering hopes of a broader-based recovery this year.

A Federal Reserve snapshot of economic conditions issued Wednesday found that most of the Fed's 12 regions indicated either that the recession was easing or that economic activity had "begun to stabilize, albeit at a low level."

The economy remains fragile. But the fact that some Fed regions reported signs of activity beginning to level out raises hope that the recession, which started in December 2007, is drawing to a close.

Four Fed regions—New York, Cleveland, Kansas City and San Francisco—pointed to "signs of stabilization," the survey said. Two regions—Chicago and St. Louis—reported that the pace of economic decline appeared to be "moderating."

Five other regions—Boston, Philadelphia, Richmond, Atlanta and Dallas—described activity as "slow," "subdued" or "weak." Only one region—Minneapolis—indicated that its downward slide in economic activity had worsened.

Combined, the assessments of businesses on the front lines of the economy appeared to be brighter than those they provided for the previous Fed report in mid-June.

The observations in the Fed survey are consistent with an assessment made just last week by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke: that the economy should start growing in the second half of this year, ending the longest recession since World War II.

Many analysts predict the recession eased considerably in the April-to-June quarter. They're forecasting that the economy shrank at only a pace of 1.5 percent in the second quarter.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Visa quarterly profit jumps 73 percent

BOSTON (AP)—Visa Inc. on Wednesday said its fiscal third-quarter profit jumped nearly 73 percent, as recent cost-cutting helped offset declining payment processing volume driven down by the recession. Executives with the world's largest electronic payment network said they see recent stabiliza-

tion in the economy. They offered a slightly more optimistic outlook for Visa's fiscal fourth quarter, citing recent moderation in the payment volume decline. "The velocity of the downturn has slowed," Chief Financial Officer Byron Pollitt told analysts on a conference call, adding that it was too early to characterize the shift as a broad economic turnaround.

#### Source: Pfizer, Nigeria settle antibiotic lawsuit

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—Drug-maker Pfizer Inc. and the Nigerian government have resolved a long-running legal dispute over allegations children there were harmed in a 1996 Pfizer study of an experimental antibiotic during a meningitis outbreak. The settlement calls for a \$75 million

payment by Pfizer, according to a person familiar with the negotiations. That total includes about \$35 million to be distributed among victims in the case, \$30 million to improve health care in the Nigerian state of Kano, and about \$10 million to cover that state's legal costs, according to the source, who requested anonymity because the talks have not been completed.



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# Business

## Deal with 'Blue Dogs' sets up health care vote

WASHINGTON (AP)—After weeks of turmoil, House Democrats reached a shaky peace with the party's rebellious rank-and-

file conservatives Wednesday to clear the way for a vote in September on sweeping health care legislation.

Bipartisan Senate negotiators reported progress, too, on a bill said to extend coverage to 95 percent of all Americans with-

out raising federal deficits.

"We're on the edge, we're almost there," said Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, the senior Republican involved in the secretive talks, although a fellow GOP participant, Sen. Mike Enzi of Wyoming, dissented strongly.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Finance Committee, said preliminary estimates from congressional budget experts showed the cost of the emerging Senate plan was below \$900 billion and would result in an increase in employer-sponsored insurance—conclusions that may reassure critics who fear a bloated bill that prompts businesses to abandon the cover-

age they currently provide.

Across the Capitol, House Democratic leaders gave in—at least temporarily—to numerous demands from rank-and-file rebels, so-called Blue Dogs from the conservative wing of the party who had been blocking the bill's passage in the last of three committees.



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The House change, which drew immediate opposition from liberal lawmakers, would reduce the federal subsidies designed to help lower-income families afford insurance, exempt additional businesses from a requirement to offer insurance to their workers and change the terms of a government insurance option.

## Dems warn GOP of backlash for opposing Sotomayor

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate debate over Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor turned bitter Wednesday, after Democrats warned the GOP it would pay a steep price for opposing the judge who would be the first Hispanic justice, and a top Republican charged they were playing destructive racial politics.

Majority Leader Harry Reid implored Republicans Wednesday to join Democrats in voting to confirm Sotomayor next week, warning that GOP opposition would bring the same sort of public backlash that followed the party's spirited

opposition to measures that would have given some illegal immigrants a chance to gain legal status.

"I just think that their voting against this good woman is going to treat them about the same way that they got treated as a result of their votes on immigration," said Reid, D-Nev.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, the head of his party's Senate campaign committee and a Sotomayor opponent, shot back that Reid and other Democrats were trying to exploit the nomination and "giving cover to groups and individuals to nurture racial grievances for political advantage."

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Dozens arrested in Medicare fraud busts across US

MIAMI (AP)—Federal authorities arrested more than 30 suspects, including doctors, and were seeking others in a major Medicare fraud bust Wednesday in New York, Louisiana, Boston and Houston, targeting scams such as "arthritis kits"—expensive braces that many patients never used. More than 200 agents worked on the \$16 million bust that included 12 search warrants at health care businesses and homes across the Houston area, where the bulk of the arrests were made. Federal authorities say those businesses were giving patients "arthritis kits," which were nothing more than expensive orthotics that included knee and shoulder braces and heating pads. Patients told authorities they were unnecessary and many never even received them. But health care clinic owners billed between \$3,000 to \$4,000 for each kit.

### Mom of decapitated baby: 'I didn't mean to do it'

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—A Texas mother accused of decapitating her 3-week-old son screams "I didn't mean to do it. He told me to!" while her sister pleads for an ambulance to bring help in a desperate four-minute 911 call released Wednesday. Otty Sanchez, who police say told them the devil made her kill and mutilate her only child, cries "I love him" and says she's stabbed herself in the heart and stomach while her sister tries calming down the 33-year-old mother. At one point during the frantic call, Priscilla Garcia tries reassuring her sister that she is alive. "Otty, this time I told you to come to me," Garcia says. "I tried, but you told me that you died," Sanchez responds. "I'm not dead, Otty," Garcia says. "I'm standing right here talking to you."

### Jury hands man life sentence in Arizona shootings

PHOENIX (AP)—A jury spared a man convicted in a series of random nighttime shootings from the death penalty and sentenced him to life in prison on Wednesday. Samuel Dietzman, who pleaded guilty to two of six murders in the metropolitan Phoenix Serial Shooter case of 2005 and 2006, appeared stoic as the jury's decision was announced. "I'm truly sorry for the pain that I've caused to many, many people," Dietzman, 33, said after his sentence was read. He then thanked the court for treating him like a human being. His lawyer and family members cried as the verdict was read.

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### Baby taken from slain mom's womb found; 2 arrested

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—A baby girl who was cut from her mother's womb has been found alive and two people were arrested in the woman's killing, police said late Wednesday.

The girl, whose mother's body was found Monday in a closet at her Worcester apartment, appeared to be in "fairly good health" at a New Hampshire hospital, Worcester Police Sgt. Kerry Hazelhurst said.

Julie Corey, 35, of Worcester, Mass., and a male companion were arrested in Plymouth, N.H., where police found them with the child. Friends had told police they were suspicious of Corey's claims she had given birth.

Corey was charged as a fugitive from justice. She was in custody and could not be reached for comment late Wednesday. Police did not know whether she had a lawyer.



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**Priniponen Atkilon Tanu Publiku**

Notisia ginen i Depattamienton Tanu Publiku: Guaha priniponen atkilon tanu publiku espesifikamiente Tanu Numeru 076 D 15, paku mas o’ menus 3,000 metru kuadrao minidoñña gi katan estatuan Matsue giya Garapan. I mapa yan todo infotmasion pot este na tanu gaige gi depattamienton tanu giya Dandan, segundu bibi-enda gi Joeten Dandan Building.

I para u inatkila este na lugat i Marianas Fitness, Ltd., un` kompania guine. I membron kuetpon este na kompania i sigiente siha: Russel D. Quinn, Marian Aldan-Pierce, Rexfod C. Kosack, Yoshio S. Gabaldon, Kanae S. Quinn, Richard A. Pierce, Clarie S. Kosack, Angela Gabaldon, Christopher J. Nelson, and Brett D. Nelson.

I offisiat siha i sigiente: Russell D. Quinn, presidente; Marian Aldan-Pierce, segundu presidente; Rexford C. Kosack, sekretariu; yan Yoshio S. Gabaldon, tresurariu. I kontratan este na atkilon manegosiu as Señor Kosack yan Señora Aldan-Pierce.

I umatkikila este na tanu publiku libre umusa i lugat pot bisnis eksisiu taimanu i gaige pago na fasilidat gi Marianas Fitness, Ltd. I tetminon atkilon bente siñku años (25 years) yan appottunidat ma-ekstenden este na atkilon talu kinse años (15 years).

I atkilon tanu kada sakan guaha figura mapega halom guine na kontrata segun i balin i lugat ni monhayan esta marikonose gi hilu i mafananaan “appraisal” ripot (katkulon balin tanu) ginen un` kualifikao na kompania.

I Depattamenton Tano taya otro plano ha reside gi uson este siha na propiadat publiko giya Garapan, Saipan.

Kopian este na proposito gaige gi todo offisinan tanu publiku entalu Luta, Tinian yan Saipan. Libre kada sudadanu rumikonose este na dokumentu. I kabesanten depattamintun tanu publiku siña in` tigie` yangin guaha sentimentun miyu pot i mapropopone. Este na anunsio areglon Lai Publiku 15-2. I uttimu haanen muna` halom opiniõn i Agosto dia 7, 2009 gi todo Offisinan Tano Publiku giya Saipan, Tinian yan Luta.

**ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP**

Sángi Tálil ye 106 (b) mellól Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwilil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eghús falúw mellól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúwasch Marianas. Schóókka eyoor máfiyeer rebwe isisilong aghiyghiiir, aweewe, aingiingil reel pomwol akkilonul ammwelil falúweer toulap me bwal Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, e ayooraa, lamal aweewe kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatééló.

- i. Pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap nge ekke bwaári Lot No 076 D 15, eyoor eluw sangaras llapal (3, 000 square meters), elapeló me ngáre eghús, elo Liyo, Luuta. Tilighial bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyool Falúweer Toulap (Public Lands) ngáre óubwe ghuley fishchi.
- ii. Schéschéél schóól akkilon nge Marianas Fitness, Ltd., CNMI corporation. Schóóy Assamwoolul mwiisch (board of directors) mellól corporation nge Rusell D. Queen, Marian Aldan-Pierce, Rexford C. Kosack, Yoshio S. Gabaldon, Kanae S. Quinn, Richard A. Pierce, Clarie S. Kosack, Angela N. Gabaldon, Chistopher I. Nelson, me Brett D. Nelson..

Samwoolul (President) corporation nge Russell D. Quinn.. Arúschayúl assamwool (vice president) nge Marian Aldan-Pierce. Sekkeretorio nge Rexford C. Kosack. Treasurer nge Yoshio S. Gabaldon..

- iii. Schóól aweweel akkilon nge Mr. Rexford C. Kosack me Ms. Marian Aldan-Pierce..
- iv. Schóól akkilon ebwe yááli bwuley reel mwóghutufisch ngáre leliyal ammey (fitness gymnasium) fengál me wiisal..

Tool aighúghúl pomwol akkilon nge reweigh me limoow ráagh (25 years), emmwel rebwe sóbweey ngáli bwal seigh me limoow ráagh (15 years).

Pomwol akkilon yeel llól alongal ráagh nge ebwe mwir sáangi llapal méél falúw ( value of the prop-erty) me bwal meeta kka e akkayú mellol bwuley yeel.

- v. Tilighial akkilon yeel nge emmwel óubwe bwughi mereel bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building llól Tuturam, Seipél; aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) mellól Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luuta; me ngáre mmwal pwó (1st floor) mellól Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.
- vi. Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge esáál bweibwogh mwo pomwol akkilon ye elo Arabwal, Seipél..
- vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, aingiingil mereel amweyút mmwal August (Elúwel) 7, 2009 mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta, Tchúlúyól.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND**

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot No. 076 D 15, containing an area of approximately 3,000 square meters, more or less, situated in Garapan, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.
- ii. The prospective lessee is Marianas Fitness, Ltd., a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Russell D. Quinn, Marian Aldan-Pierce, Rexford C. Kosack, Yoshio S. Gabaldon, Kanae S. Quinn, Richard A. Pierce, Clarie S. Kosack, Angela N. Gabaldon, Christopher J. Nelson, and Brett D. Nelson.

The President of the Corporation is Russell D. Quinn. The Vice President is Marian Aldan-Pierce. The Secretary is Rexford C. Kosack. The Treasurer is Yoshio S. Gabaldon.

- iii. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Rexford C. Kosack and Ms. Marian Aldan-Pierce.

- iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of operating an all-purpose fitness gymnasium and other related support facilities.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property, including existing structure(s).

- v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; the 2nd floor of the Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Garapan, Saipan.
- vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 7, 2009 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.



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**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippine president said Wednesday that combating regional terrorism will dominate her talks with President Barack Obama in the White House.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said Thursday's meeting comes "at a pivotal time for U.S. relations in Asia" and she will also use it to discuss the economic crisis and climate change.

Still, she said peace and security will top the agenda, "particularly in the light of the recent Jakarta bombings."

Suicide bombers blew themselves up in two hotels in the Indonesian capital on July 17, killing seven people and wounding more than 50. Officials say the tactics are similar to those used by the Southeast Asian terror network Jemaah Islamiyah in earlier al-Qaida-funded bombings on the resort island of Bali, which killed more than 220 people in 2002 and 2005.

Two of the suspected masterminds of the 2002 attack, Umar Patek and Dulmatin, have fled to the volatile southern Philippines, and the U.S. government has offered a reward for their capture.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### NKorea seizes SKorean fishing boat

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—North Korea seized a fishing boat from the South on Thursday after it accidentally strayed into the North's waters, officials said, amid tensions on the peninsula over Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programs. Seoul asked the North to quickly release the fishing boat and the four crew members, a Unification Ministry spokeswoman said. Early Thursday morning, a North Korean patrol boat took the 29-ton vessel "800 Yeonan" into custody after it crossed into the North's eastern waters—apparently because its satellite navigation system malfunctioned, an official at South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. The official, who spoke on customary condition of anonymity, said the boat was taken to North Korea's eastern port of Jangjon.

#### Afghan women candidates campaign in burqas

**SHIRAK PIRAK, Afghanistan (AP)**—Sima Matin's burqa limits her vision. It gives her migraines. Now it's causing another problem: It's hiding her from the voters she hopes will elect her in next month's provincial election. For women running for office in one of the world's most conservative countries, getting out the vote is an uphill battle against social norms. In a place where most women still wear the burqa and do not speak to men outside their immediate family, female candidates are courting danger simply by putting up posters of their uncovered faces.



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SANCHEZ, Kayla C.	Administrative Assistant	CUC Water/Wastewater	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BORJA, Kimberly M.	Library Aide	PSS-Kagman High School	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
DIONISIO, Julieann	Office Clerk	DCCA-Aging Office	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
NORITA, Phylli R.	Trades Helper	DPS Division of Roads & Grounds	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
NORITA, Jack R.	Office Clerk	DPW Operation & Maintenance, Lower Base	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
NORITA, Joshua R.	Warehouseman	DPH-Lower Base	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
AGUON, Mercelia T.	Assistant Coordinator	Kobbler Youth Center	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
WILLIAM, Leighiyar M.	HR Assistant	OPM	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
WELSON, April P.	Administrative Assistant	DCCA-Office of the Secretary	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BAUTISTA, Sophia A.	Billing Clerk	DPH-Financial Service	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BAUTISTA, Marjorie A.	HR Assistant	OPM	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
FALCON, Christine E.	Office Clerk	NMHC	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MAILUYAL, Josiah L.	Forestry Aide	DLNR-Kagman	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MICHAEL, Darren J.	Maintenance Trainee	10th Municipal Council	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
WILLIAM, Rico M.	Maintenance Assistant	PSS-Hopwood Jr. High	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ROBERT, Mary M.	Office Clerk	10th Municipal Council	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
CRESPO, Joshua V.	Kitchen Helper	DPH-Dietary Unit	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
DIESTRO, Alvin L.	Shop Parts Clerk	Torres Refrigeration	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
HOSSAIN, Omar M.	Kitchen Helper	DPH-Dietary Unit	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
HOSSAIN, Mohammed A.	Medical Records Clerk	DPH-Medical Records	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
VINCENT, Nora A.	Office Clerk	DPH-Medical Records	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
VINCENT, Beverly A.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Power Division	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BAHILLO, Albert M.	Trades Helper	DPW-Roads & Grounds	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
JETLEY, Patsylynn M.	Clerk	DLNR-Kagman	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BASTO, Kevin B.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Sports & Recreation	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MARALIT, Jirelle P.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV Drivers License	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
JOHN, Joylien R.	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ALEJO, Ashley V.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV Drivers License	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
TEREGEYO, Ana Marie F.	Personnel Clerk	PSS-HR Office	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
AMIREZ, Christilyn R.	Spa/Floral Arranger	Marianas Resort & Spa	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
FERRER, Reinhold A.	Office Clerk	NMC-Educational Talent Search Program	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
FERRER, Raissa A.	Customer Service Rep	CUC-Customer Service Dept.	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
DELA CRUZ, Carinalynn, R.	Preservation Aide	Division of Historic Preservation	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MANCAO, Maryann H.	Accounts Payable Clerk	DPH-Financial Service	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
DELEON GUERRERO, Nikko J.	Billing Clerk	DPH-Financial Service	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
LIZAMA, Aunica C.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV Drivers License	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
WAING, Mary S.	Office Clerk	NMHC	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
WAING, Marylyn S.	HR Assistant	OPM	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
GABI, Nemesianne N.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV Drivers License	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BARRO, Julius D.	Office Clerk	DPH-Maintenance Office	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BARRO, Mary D.	Office Clerk	DPH-Family Care Clinic	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MANALO, Jesseray D.	Maintenance Trainee	PSS-Kagman High School	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
LACSINA, Jim M.	HR Clerk	Hyatt Regency	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
GUEVARRA, Angelo Q.	Stockroom Clerk	Marianas Resort & Spa	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
GUEVARRA, Alfredo Q. Jr.	Bellman	Marianas Resort & Spa	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
KAPILEO, Cypriana T.	GIS Trainee	DLNR-Land Registration	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
KAPILEO, Nunu T.	Maintenance Assistant	PSS-GTC Elementary School	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ACABEDO, Paul T.	Administrative Assistant	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
DELA CRUZ, Ritchell A.	Office Clerk	DLNR-Kagman	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
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IDERBEI, Evander R.	Office Aide	CLI	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MANGTHEG, Christopher	Warehouseman	Ace Hardware-Susupe	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
IGLECIAS, Vince DLC.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Proc & Supply	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
KAAINOA, Frienda S.	Office Clerk	DPW-Marpi Scalehouse	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
INDALECIO, Sheryl Lou T.	Office Clerk	DPH-Vital Statistics	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
INDALECIO, Maria Lou T.	Office Clerk	NMHC	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
KAPILEO, Herman DLR.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV Drivers License	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
SANTOS, Ramrod S.	Stocker	Joeten Dandan Market	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BUNIAG, Razel F.	Administrative Asst.	DPS-BMV	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
LEON GUERRERO, Anthony L., JR	Receptionist	DYS-Juvenile Detention	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
RABAUIMAN, Yumi K.	Office Assistant	NMC-Admin. Services	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BUENAVISTA, John M.	Project Sys.Info.Clerk	DPW-Oleia	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MARANAN, Herbert S.	Office Clerk	NMC-Career Services	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
RIVERA, Deza A.	Office Clerk	DPW-Marpi Scalehouse	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
TUMADA, April C.	Office Clerk	CNMI State BOE	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
DACUMA, Angela V.	Office Clerk	NMHC	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
SARALU, Olyphia N.	Community Dev. Trainee	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MACAHITO, Franklin C.	Office Clerk	NMI-Mayors Office	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
KLEWEI, Courtney T.	Office Clerk	DPW-LowerBase Transfer Station	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MACAHITO, Gary C. Jr.	Office Aide	CDA-Gualo Rai	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
EUGENIO, Carmina O.	Administrative Asst.	PSS-Special Ed.	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
SIKYANG, Josh C.	Forestry Aide	DLNR-Kagman	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ZACHRIAS, Walter L.	Enviromental Aide	DEQ-Gualo Rai	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MAGABO, Mark A.	Mechanic Assistant	CPA-Airport Operations	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
NORITA, Shauna C.	Administrative Asst.	DOF-Proc & Supply Lower Base	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
NORITA, Victorino C.	Supply Technician	DOF-Proc & Supply Lower Base	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
TENORIO, Kyanna M.	Office Clerk	CPA-Airport Ports Police	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
TEREGEYO, Adreienne L.	Inspector	DLNR-Quarantine Seaport	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ESPEN, Esael R.	Office Clerk	CPA-ARFF	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
FLORES, Carla S.	Administrative Asst.	DOF-Seaport	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
KIKKU, Priscilla G.	Administrative Asst.	CUC-Power Division	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
KAPWICH, Jake S.	Maintenance Helper	DPH-Maintenance	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ARRIOLA, Mary Lynn F.	Administrative Asst.	DPS-BMV	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ABIGANIA, Randall G.	Administrative Asst.	DPS-BMV	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MINGEFIY, Peter P.	Community Dev. Trainee	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
AGLUBAT, John Paul L.	Office Assistant	NMC-Admin. Services	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009

NAME	POSITION	PLACEMENT	WORK SCHEDULE
ATAN, Atan B.	Merchandiser Assistant	D&Q	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
IROG, Allen D.	Supply Technician	DOF-Proc & Supply Lower Base	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ALDAN, Jaynelyn C.	Customer Service Rep	NMC-Bookstore	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
SANCHEZ, Edgar James	Produce Man	Joeten Susupe Market	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
SANCHEZ, Michael Vincent	Firefighter Trainee	DPS-Fire Division	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
TAULE, Leoloni O.	Office Clerk	NMHC	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
LAZARO, Leonard H.	Assistant Coordinator	Kobbler Youth Center	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
IGSAIAR, Viola T.	Office Clerk	PSS-Curriculum & Instr.	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
DELA CRUZ, Derick D.	Medical Records Clerk	DPH-Medical Records	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BRANA, Daryl P.	Firefighter Trainee	DPS-Fire Division	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BROWN, Arianna M.	Stocker	Joeten Dandan Market	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
PETER, Freeman F.	Customer Service Rep	NMC-Bookstore	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
TALION, Denver E.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Sports & Rec.	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
TAITANO, Kaegel T.	Office Clerk	DPH-Immunization	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
LISUA, Ambrosio	Gardener	DCCA-Aging Program	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ELAYDA, Honey A.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ONGILL, Swayzer S.	Fire Fighter Trainee	DPS-Fire Division	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
GAPOR, Glenn A.	Supply Technician	DOF-Proc & Supply, Lower Base	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
DUENAS, Joseph B. Jr.	Bldg.Maint.Asst.	PSS-Kobbler Elementary	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
GATCHALIAN, Rickylando M.	Mechanic Assistant	CPA-Operations	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
REUSORA, Desiree A.	Computer Trainee	Judicial Branch	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MASAYOS, Ikluk Tharnton T.	Administrative Assistant	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MENDIOLA, Christopher S.	Office Clerk	DYS-Juvenile Detention	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MENDIOLA, Del Eloise S.	Office Clerk	PSS-Curriculum & Instr.	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ALFOREZA, Severino P. III	Office Clerk	CPA-ARFF	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MANGAHIS, Wilden V.	Clerk	DPH-Laboratory Unit	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
CAMACHO, Judy Ann D.	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
NORITA, Joana C.	Office Clerk	PSS-Curriculum & Instr.	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
NORITA, Jonathon G.	Forestry Aide	DLNR-Kagman	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
PRADO, Angela R.	Office Clerk	DPW-LowerBase Scalehouse	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
TUDELA, Christina P	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
SALAS, Cartrina B.	Community Dev. Trainee	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BORJA, Vanity S.	Community Dev. Trainee	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
GREER, Monica L.	Office Clerk	CPA-Airport Admin.	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
CRISOSTOMO, Roberta B.	Administrative Assistant	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
REVES, Jan P.	Office Clerk	CPA-Airport Ports Police	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
CORDERO, Florentina M.	Office Clerk	DPH-Admissions	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MASAYOS, Nizelynn T.	Community Development Trainee	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
AGUITO, Anne G.	HR Assistant	OPM	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ALEGRE, Bryl A.	Office Clerk	CPA-ARFF	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
CAMACHO, Kealany S.	Administrative Assistant	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MONTON, Donna S.	Office Aide	CDA-Gualo Rai	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
VILLONES, Mark G.	Stocker	Joeten Dandan Market	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
RIOS, Zada M.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Seaport	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
PUA, Alvander DLG.	Gardener	DCCA-Aging Program	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
PUA, Ann Margaret DLG	Office Clerk	DCCA-Aging Program	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
PUA, Vincent DLG.	Gardener	DCCA-Aging Program	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
MIKEL, Nicky D.	Administrative Assistant	CUC-Procurement & Sup	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
VILLOCINO, Kate B.	Accounts Clerk	D&Q	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
CRUZ, John M.	Maintenance Asst.	CPA-Seaport	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BILLEDO, Aurelio L. Jr.	Merchandiser Asst.	D&Q	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
BILLEDO, Junalyn L.	Office Clerk	NMHC	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ANGELES, Kristine M.	Office Clerk	NMHC	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ARRIOLA, Jayson E.	Mechanic Assistant	CPA-Airport Operation	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
PAUL, Lee Ann	Office Clerk	CPA-Airport Ports Police	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
SANTOS, Richard G.	Community Dev. Trainee	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
SANTOS, Jonathan G.	Community Dev. Trainee	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
SACRAMENTO, Rodney J.	Cargo Agent	CTSI	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
DELA CRUZ, Tasha DLG.	Administrative Assistant	NMC-CDI	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
DELEON GUERRERO, Lawrence R.	Office Clerk	DPW-LowerBase Scalehouse	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
QUIZON, Paul R.	Gardener	DCCA-Aging Program	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
LARA, Jemma T	Administrative Assistant	DCCA-Secretary's Office	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
LARA, Alvin T.	Office Clerk	DPW-LowerBase Transfer Station	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
LEYCO, Ian M.	Office Clerk	CPA-ARFF	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
GONZALES, Lucille A.	Office Clerk	NMC-HR	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
GONZALES, Remy A.	Customer Serv. Rep.	NMC-Bookstore	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
JIMENEZ, Shiela B.	Computer Trainee	Judicial Branch	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
CADIANG, Melvin D.	Office Clerk	NMC-HR	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
CADIANG, Alyssa D.	Office Clerk	NMC-Educational Talent Search Program	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
VITUG, Kimberly M.	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BVM Drivers License	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ALDAN, Lewis F.	Mechanic Assistant	CPA-Airport Operations	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ALDAN, Lwisa F.	Office Clerk	CPA-Airport Ports Police	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ALFOREZA, Kristina	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ALFOREZA, Krizzelle P.	Office Clerk	NMC-Educational Talent Search Program	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
REVES, Anastacia O.	Office Clerk	Cong.Ralph Torres	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
CASTRO, Audrey C.	Customer Serv. Rep.	NMC-Bookstore	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
AIZON, Romeo B.	Clerk	DPH-Nursing Administration	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
AIZON, Oyem B.	Office Clerk	CMS-Gualo Rai	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ESPAYOS, Matthew	Administrative Assistant	DPS-BMV	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
ESPAYOS, Elbert	Warehouseman	ACE Susupe	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
CABRERA, Sylvia E.	Office Clerk	DPH-Vital Statistics	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
LITULUMAR, Neil H.	Office Clerk	NMHC	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
TEREGEYO, Johnavin Rico T.	Community Development Trainee	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
PETER, Ramona C.	Accounts Receivable	DPH-Garapan	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
GINES, Kay I.	Administrative Assistant	DYS-Office of the Director	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009
TAIMANAO, Jermain	Supply Technician	DPH-Lower Base	2nd Phase August 3 to 28, 2009

For any information, contact W.I.A. at 664-1708/04/07



World

Car bomb in Spain proves ETA's resilience

BURGOS, Spain (AP)—The Basque separatist group's No. 1 leader was nabbed in France as he slept late last year. His replacement lasted only a matter of weeks. Over the past couple of years, Spanish and French police have put most of ETA's leadership in jail, and with each arrest comes new claims the group has been decapitated.

Yet nothing authorities do seems enough to kill the insurgency, which proved in Wednesday's massive car bombing that it is still a dangerous and sometimes lethal force.

The bomb—200 kilograms (440 pounds) of explosives—did not kill anyone, but it shattered a 14-story barracks housing Spanish civil guard police and their families. Some 41 children were among those sleeping in the barracks and surrounding buildings when the blast went off at 4 a.m. (0200 GMT, 10 p.m. EDT Tuesday), according to Interior Minister Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba. Sixty people were injured, mostly by flying glass.

The blast blew off much of the barracks' facade, left a deep crater that filled with water from broken underground pipes and hurled the van that carried the bomb about 230 feet (70 meters). There was



Emergency workers are seen walking through the rubble after a car bomb, blamed on Basque separatist group ETA, exploded near a 14-storey Civil Guard barracks building in the northern city of Burgos, on Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

no warning beforehand, no attempt to give people inside time to evacuate.

"The attack aimed to cause

deaths," Rubalcaba told reporters after rushing to the scene. "After today, we know that we are dealing with mur-

derers, savages and lunatics. That doesn't make them stronger, but it undoubtedly makes them more dangerous."

WORLD BRIEFS

Europe's role in closing Gitmo gets Irish boost

DUBLIN (AP)—Ireland's agreement Wednesday to take two homeless Guantanamo prisoners demonstrates that patient diplomacy between the United States and Europe is starting to play its part in shutting down the notorious U.S. prison. Daniel Fried, the Obama administration's special envoy tasked with closing the camp, is back in Europe this week seeking to build on a European Union agreement clearing the way for any member of the 27-nation bloc to accept prisoners who could face persecution in their homelands. While most European states remain frosty to the idea of taking Guantanamo prisoners off American hands, a growing number of nations—including Belgium, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Portugal and Spain—say they definitely or probably will take at least one of the approximately 50 prisoners. Ireland is the second EU nation, after France, to make a firm commitment to take particular prisoners. Slovenia is the next

stop on Fried's European tour.

Iran to begin first trials of protesters

CAIRO (AP)—Iran's leadership faced sharp criticism Wednesday from top clerics and even conservative supporters over prison abuses, including detainee deaths and the brutal beatings of protesters arrested in the post-election crackdown. In a move likely to anger the opposition, officials announced the first trials will begin Saturday, with the prosecution of around 20 protesters. They include some accused of sending images of the unrest to the media. Top pro-reform politicians will be tried later for allegedly ordering riots, officials said. The opposition has said detainees were tortured to extract false confessions for the courts. The bodies of several young protesters have been turned over to their families in recent weeks, all showing signs of beatings or other abuse while in custody, according to pro-opposition Web sites, citing accounts from relatives. Among them was the son of a prominent conservative,

which has brought a wave of criticism from the camp that generally backs the government.

Rocket-battered Israeli border town enjoying calm

SDEROT, Israel (AP)—Six months after Israel ended its bruising offensive against Gaza Strip militants, the people of this rocket-scarred border town are enjoying their calmest stretch in recent memory. The rocket attacks that made life unbearable have all but stopped. Playgrounds are filled with children on summer vacation, stores are bustling and the town's public swimming pool is open for the first time in five years. "People are out more. There is movement. There is a different atmosphere," said Avigail Hazan, a 42-year-old storekeeper. "It was worth going through the war for this. It's fun now; I'm calm." "Life before the war—it wasn't life," agreed the town's deputy mayor, Rafik Agaronov. "Now, thank God, there is quiet. Hopefully it will stay like this forever. If our children are calm, we are calm."

Shipwrecked Haitian: Those who couldn't swim, died

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti (AP)—There was no warning when the overloaded sailboat plowed into a coral reef and began to break apart. In the darkness, some 200 migrants were plunged into the water, grabbing desperately at

anything that might help keep them afloat.

Joanel Pierre, a skinny 18-year-old, lifted his gray T-shirt on Wednesday to display the scratches clawed into his body by drowning shipmates.

"The ones who knew how to swim, swam," he told The Associated Press, speaking quietly and averting his eyes.

"The ones who didn't, died."

Fifteen bodies had been recovered Wednesday, and another 70 people remained missing as the U.S. Coast Guard warned that prospects for finding more survivors were becoming dim.

And the 118 who had already been rescued began to tell the story of their doomed voyage.

The blue-and-white sailboat set out before dawn Saturday filled with people from miserably poor northern Haiti. Their families had saved up \$500 apiece to send them to what Haitians call "the other side of the water."

In this case the destination was the Turks and Caicos Islands, a tourism-dependent British territory where there are jobs in construction and maintenance—and sometimes, a little hope for a better future. Pierre hoped to work as a mechanic.

Gates: Some US troops may be leaving Iraq early

ABOARD A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT (AP)—A combat brigade of 5,000 American troops may be brought home early from Iraq if the trend of reduced violence holds, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday.


It was the first suggestion that the Obama administration might rethink its decision to keep as many forces in Iraq as possible this year. Obama has settled on a gradual withdrawal plan despite his opposition to the war as a candidate.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said later that "conditions on the ground" will dictate any quickening of the withdrawal pace.

"We certainly agree that if con-


ditions on the ground continue to improve it's possible that timetable could be accelerated," Gibbs said Wednesday during a briefing aboard Air Force One en route to Bristol, Va., with the president. "But we've done nothing concrete except continue to watch the situation. Obviously there are a lot of—lots of political reconciliation that still has to be worked on and a security situation that we have to be mindful of even as many in the world focus on Afghanistan and Pakistan."

Earlier in the day, Gates told reporters aboard a Defense Department plane that "I think there's at least some chance of a modest acceleration" in troop withdrawal this year.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**


**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

Program Year	Activity No.	Activity Type	Activity Name	Activity Status	Amount from program	Reprogram to
2008		Public Facilities	Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School Rehabilitation of Buildings B, F, and G	Cancelled	\$800,000.00	
2008		Public Facilities	CNMI Football Complex	New		\$800,000.00

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed reprogramming. Written comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., August 7, 2009, at the main office in Garapan, Post Office Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950. Oral comments may be relayed to Zenie P. Mafnas at telephone number (670) 234-7670, 6866, 7689, or 9447. Also, a public hearing regarding the reprogramming will be held at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School Cafeteria on August 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Public comments will also be welcomed at such time. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to submit comments may also contact Zenie P. Mafnas at the telephone numbers above for assistance.



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**NOTICE OF SALE**

**UNDER POWER OF SALE  
IN DEED OF TRUST**

William S. Pangelinan and Diana C. Pangelinan (collectively "Trustor"), on or about February 25, 1985, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on February 27, 1985 under Document No. 85-0479 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 124, containing an area of 1,092 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 02, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 16707 on March 11, 1983, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on June 12, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on August 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than \$51,150.00. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.


Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than August 13, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than August 13, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.


The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.


Dated this 14th day of July, 2009.

/S/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO  
Corporate Director NMHC

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**July 31, 2009**

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, WAKIN'S BUILDING, CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1. Swearing-in of Edwin M. Hofschneider

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. June 11, 2009

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. REPORTS**

2. Financial Reports

3. Legal Counsel's Report

**IV. DIVISIONS/COMMITTEES**

1. Administrative Matters/Personnel & Budget

a. Comptroller

2. Development Corporation Division (DCD)

a. Loans & Borrowers Requests

b. Update on Foreclosed Properties

3. DBD/Public Finance Committee

a. \$140M Bond Reconciliation

4. QC Program/Economic Development Activities

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Small Business Development Center

2. Business Incubator

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**VII. OTHER MATTERS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)*

/s/ **PEDRO I. ITIBUS**  
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors



# Off the Wall

## Texas librarians show wild side in calendar

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—So much for the stereotype. Texas librarians are baring their skin and revealing their tattoos—all to raise disaster relief money to help damaged libraries. Photos of the librarians and their body art appear in a new calendar sold by the Texas Library Association.

Librarian Shawne Miksa says it's a way to get people to notice library issues. As the model for November 2010, she shows off Chinese characters on her lower back that mean "wisdom" and "desire."

The "Tattooed Ladies of TLA" 18-month calendar is a follow-up to the successful "Men of Texas Libraries" calendar, which raised \$9,000 to help libraries damaged by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The TLA says libraries thrive on promoting diversity and free expression and the calendar exhibits that spirit.



Gretchen Hoffmann, foreground, a member of the Texas Library Association, from Austin, Texas, shows off her starfish tattoo during an autographing of photo calendars Wednesday, July 29, 2009, in Austin, Texas.

## Detroit man says stress led him to rob banks

DETROIT (AP)—A Detroit man who said he started robbing banks to pay for his mother's plumbing was sentenced Tuesday to two years in prison, a lenient term from a judge who said the defendant had been an "outstanding citizen" before his crime spree.

Prosecutors wanted U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman to stick with federal sentencing guidelines, which would have given Jimmie Lee Fortune five years to six years in prison for stealing nearly \$14,000 from five Michigan banks. Fortune, 29, had pleaded guilty in March, with prosecutors agreeing not to charge him with three more robberies.

Fortune had told investigators that he robbed the first bank in April 2008 to fix his mother's plumbing and get his driver's license reinstated. After that, he just kept going.

"I was so stressed and depressed," he told U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman on Tuesday. "I found it difficult to separate life from fiction."

He entered banks demanding money and yelling threats such as, "Large bills or I'll start shooting," according to the FBI. Fortune was not armed during the robberies.

Friedman received 17 letters of support for Fortune.

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### Woman accused of running strip club in basement

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (AP)—Police investigating a noise complaint in arrested a 28-year-old woman they said was operating an illegal strip club in her basement and garage. Gwinnett County officers said they also found a sign at the home reading "1 Dollar Jello Shots" and minors drinking alcohol when they investigated on July 18. The woman faces a misdemeanor charge of maintaining a disorderly house and remains free on \$1,300 bond. Another woman who lives with the suspect said the whole thing was just a misunderstanding. She said friends threw the suspect a party to celebrate her birthday and newly renovated home. She said that there were no strippers or underage drinking. Police also arrested a 20-year-old guest whom they said lied about his age and was found carrying marijuana in his mouth. He has been released on \$3,900 bond.

#### Holy car! Utah boy goes for spin to avoid church

PLAIN CITY, Utah (AP)—Police in

Utah say a 7-year-old boy led officers on a car chase in an effort to avoid going to church. Dispatchers received reports of a child driving recklessly on Sunday morning. Weber County Sheriff's Capt. Klint Anderson says one witness said the boy drove through a stop sign. Anderson says two deputies caught up with the boy and tried unsuccessfully to stop the Dodge Intrepid in an area about 45 miles north of Salt Lake City. The car reached 40 mph before the boy stopped in a driveway and ran inside a home. Anderson says when the boy's father later confronted him, the boy said he didn't want to go to church. The boy is too young to prosecute and no citations were issued, although police did urge the father to make his car keys more inaccessible to children.

#### Pair accused of using device to steal gas at pump

(AP)—Police said two people were arrested for using an electronic device to disable fuel pump computers at a north Florida gasoline station and pump gas without paying. Officials said Earnesto Diaz, 40, of Miami, and Maria Flores,

36, were apprehended Tuesday. Authorities said Diaz entered a code that disabled the inside desk monitor and then pumped more than \$100 of fuel into his semi-truck. Authorities say Flores acted as a lookout. Police said the device caused more than \$5,000 in damages to the pumps. A jail official said Diaz and Flores are each charged with grand theft and retail theft.

#### Boy allegedly tries scooter holdup with toy gun

CINCINNATI (AP)—An 11-year-old boy has been accused of trying to hijack two boys' scooters with a toy gun in an Ohio park. The father of the two boys, Rich Harrison, said it was a frightening experience because it wasn't clear that the gun was a toy. His boys are ages 8 and 10. Cincinnati police said the 11-year-old pointed the toy gun, saying he wanted to take one of the silver push scooters, and then chased the brothers as they raced away. Police took the boy to the Hamilton County juvenile center, where he faces an Aug. 7 hearing.

#### Woman allegedly runs

#### over husband after argument

NAPLES, Fla. (AP)—Authorities said a 25-year-old woman ran over her husband with her truck after an argument on Monday. The sheriff's office reported that the woman's husband eventually disabled her truck and walked to a nearby restaurant. Two people helped her fix the truck, and she drove to the restaurant to meet her husband. The man left the restaurant on foot, and the woman followed him in the truck. Witnesses told deputies they saw the husband rolling from the truck as the vehicle sped away. When they approached him, they reported seeing track marks on him. Deputies arrested the woman.


#### Police: Fowl snatched from home in Climax, Mich.

CLIMAX, Mich. (AP)—Police are on the hunt for a prowler who made off with a western Michigan farm family's fowl. The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's office said the 3-month-old female turkey was stolen sometime Sunday or Monday from a rural home in Climax, about 50 miles south-southeast of

Grand Rapids. The Kalamazoo Gazette and Battle Creek Enquirer reported the turkey was being raised as a 4-H project. WWMT-TV reports similar birds are worth up to \$300. The family raising the turkey wasn't sure if it was taken as a prank or for food.

#### Police: Iowa man used stolen cash to pay bond

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)—Police said a 19-year-old man used cash stolen in a bank robbery to pay a bond for an outstanding warrant. Police charged the man with first-degree bank robbery after the Monday morning robbery of American Bank and Trust. Lt. Jim Steffen said the suspect "cased the joint out" by talking with a teller and leaving. A second man armed with a handgun then robbed the bank. Police said the man used bank money to pay a bond for an outstanding theft charge at the Johnson County jail, then went shopping at a Wal-Mart and Gordmans department store. Police spokesman Troy Kelsay said detectives arrested the man Monday night at his house and found more bank money.



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**PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-004-09**

**AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for Preventive Maintenance of the Loading Bridges at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing preventive maintenance services for four (4) loading bridges. The detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, June 26, 2009. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Preventive Maintenance of the Loading Bridges at the Saipan International Airport". One original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Copies of approved surety companies and the bid bond form may be obtained with the scope of work at the office of the Executive Director on **July 22, 2009**.

Contractor will be required to obtain insurance policies based on CPA's requirements. These requirements apply to contracts where the Consultant provides designated professional services to the Authority; i.e. appraisers, architects, equipment maintenance, messengers, construction managers, etc. and the total contract price is less than \$250,000. Copies of the insurance requirements may be obtained with the scope of work at the office of the Executive Director on **July 22, 2009**.


The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.  
Executive Director/ Contracting Officer

Date: July 22, 2009



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**SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**  
**PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (ATCT)**  
**PROJECT NO. RFP-005-09**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for Preventive Maintenance of the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing monthly maintenance services for the Tower, the Base Building and its surroundings. The detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, July 31, 2009. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Preventive Maintenance of the Air Traffic Control Tower at the Saipan International Airport". One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD B. MENDIOLA  
Acting Executive Director

Date: July 28, 2009



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY**  
**PARKING**

This is to inform the general public that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) installed a new system for the parking facilities at the Saipan International Airport, the Commuter Terminal and the Port of Saipan. The new system dispenses a plastic card upon entry and the card is returned when exiting. The system reads the elapsed time between entry and exit and indicates the appropriate charge.

Except for the Commuter Terminal, the parking fee for the first hour is one dollar and an additional dollar for each additional hour or a fraction of an hour.

The Commuter Terminal customers will be given a grace period of 15 minutes. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged when the elapsed time between entry and exit exceeds 15 minutes for the first hour and an additional dollar for each additional hour or a fraction of an hour.

The total charge for each 24-hour period is \$10.00 for the Main Terminal, Commuter Terminal, and the Port of Saipan. For each additional hour or fraction of an hour, an additional dollar will be charged.

A customer who loses a parking card will be charged \$10.00 for the lost card and will also be charged the appropriate parking fee for the time parked. The customer with the lost parking card may be required to park on the side to allow other customers to exit first and then give time for the parking booth attendant to check the system to resolve the matter.

A customer with a valid Handicap Placard will not be charged any parking fee as long as the handicap person who was issued the placard is present in the vehicle. All customers with a valid Handicap Placard should call the CPA Accounting Office.

All parking fees are non-refundable.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. JoyAnn DeLeon Guerrero at 237-6500.

/s/ Edward B. Mendiola  
Acting Executive Director



# Science & Technology

## Personal-finance tools take to the Web

By **ROB PEGORARO**  
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**M**ore Americans feel uneasy about the state of their finances—and not because of any change to their income or expenses.

Instead, the latest bad news concerns software that many people use to manage their cash flow. One of these applications, Microsoft Money, perished at the end of June after Microsoft chose to stop developing it. Another, the Mac version of Intuit's Quicken—which needed a rewrite when it shipped in 2006—now won't get its next update until February, the latest in a long string of delays.

The Windows version of Quicken continues to chug along, but its users have to buy a new version every few years to retain access to the online services that automate most of its work.

In this stagnant market, most of the signs of life lie not in disc-based programs (though smaller developers are doing interesting work) but on the Web. There a few sites provide simpler ways to manage your money—and do so for free.

Mint (mint.com), Intuit's Quicken Online (quickenonline.com) and Wesabe (wesabe.com), among others, automatically synchronize their records with those of your financial institutions, then categorize transactions to track your spending. There's no extra software to install, though these three provide basic, free iPhone applications

for on-the-go access.

The only catch is that in most cases, you must store your bank account passwords on these sites. All three say they encrypt these data to block them from being misused.

I handed over many of my own log-ins to these sites in May 2008, and I found them promising but limited; this time around, two of the three did significantly better.

Mint.com is now closer to the utility of Money or Quicken, thanks to a series of updates that added support for mortgages and such assets as houses and cars. (It uses Web sources to estimate values for the former but not the latter.)

Mint connected to all the bank, credit card, investment and mortgage accounts I tested, then correctly categorized most transactions in each. It even split ATM surcharges into separate transactions, though it didn't then file those charges under its "ATM Fee" category.

The site will set up budget goals based on your past spending, which you can and should adjust yourself. But you can't enter a pending transaction; if you write a large check, you must remember it's out there. Mint's automatic alerts of upcoming bills also missed some of mine, and it doesn't let you fix any oversights by adding your own alerts.

Mint, based in Mountain View, Calif., now claims more than a million active users. It makes its money by suggesting credit cards, banks and investments to fit your habits,



Mint (mint.com)'s home page on the Web.

then collecting referrals on accounts opened through these "Ways to Save" tips. Keep this advice in context—a credit card's points rewards aren't as useful as cash back.

Quicken Online got its biggest upgrade when Intuit, also in Mountain View, dropped a \$2.99 monthly fee, helping it win more than 1.3 million users. This time, Quicken Online automatically categorized almost as many transactions as Mint and easily outdid that site at warning me of upcoming bills.

Intuit's site already lets you enter pending transactions, but it won't let you set up subcategories of expenses (for instance, a car's fuel and service costs) or split a transaction, though an update due in September will add that last feature. It also doesn't track the value of homes or cars.

Intuit's focus on paycheck-to-paycheck users—it greets you with a large-type "What's

Left" display of your checking-account balance when you log in—may seem odd to others.

Wesabe, a San Francisco start-up, looks stuck in third place after Mint and Quicken Online. It could not connect to most accounts I tested, instead requiring that I download records of my transactions from those banks and then upload those files back to Wesabe. Its free uploader programs can automate that work—and let you avoid storing passwords with Wesabe—but demand tweaking of their own.

Wesabe also hasn't gotten much better about renaming transactions from bank statements' all-caps gibberish or categorizing them accurately. It won't be able to track loans until this fall. Two useful features—investment tracking and pending-transaction entries—remain hidden behind a "Wesabe Labs" link, but Chief Executive Marc Hedlund wrote that they will exit that experimen-

tal status "imminently."

Wesabe's users ("well into the hundreds of thousands," Hedlund wrote) represent a less obvious strength, in the form of an extensive array of groups that let them share financial tips about common interests. The

company had once planned to charge for a premium version of its service, but it has now begun selling its software to banks for use on their sites.

Meanwhile, Mint, Quicken Online and Wesabe have plenty of work to do of their own. But their recent history now offers proof that they're up to the job—and that you shouldn't have to wait until next year's version to see results.

### HELP FILE

By **ROB PEGORARO**  
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**Q: Can I buy just DSL from Verizon, without also paying for phone service? I use my cellphone for all my calling anyway.**

**A:** Verizon doesn't exactly advertise the option many call "naked DSL" (it prefers the more decorous term "stand-alone DSL"); a company vice president got lost trying to find this offering on Verizon's Web site at a meeting Wednesday.

But it's there, and it's worth a look if you've outgrown fixed-line phone service. Go to Verizon's regular page for digital-subscriber-line service (www22.verizon.com/residential/highspeedinternet), click its "Plans" heading, and you'll see it listed at the right side of the page.

You will pay slightly more for the privilege; where Verizon's standard DSL starts at \$17.99 for downloads up to 1 million bits per second (Mbps) and uploads up to 384,000 bits per second (Kbps), the stand-alone equivalent costs \$19.99. A \$29.99 stand-alone plan offers up to 3 Mbps for downloads and uploads as fast as 768

Kbps, while a \$42.99 stand-alone service ups potential download speeds to 7.1 Mbps. But the savings from dumping a land line—one of the more heavily taxed telecom services around—will easily outweigh those differences.

Note, however, that some say they've had orders for stand-alone DSL declined, sometimes without much of an explanation.

Verizon also offers its faster Fios fiber-optic service without phone service attached. That adds \$5 to its advertised Fios rates, making the entry-level 15 Mbps service \$49.99.

**Q: I bought a few songs through Yahoo's MusicMatch. They worked fine until my computer caught a virus and I had to reinstall everything; now, MusicMatch says they "need authenticating." How do I fix this?**

**A:** Sorry, but you can't. Yahoo shut down its Yahoo Music store last year (after sending a few warnings via e-mail about the change). Customers had until the end of March to request coupons for free, no-authentication-needed MP3 copies of purchases.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

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ITB09-CRM-132**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: AUGUST 19, 2009 • TIME: 9:30 A.M.

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DIRECTOR, CRMO

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
RFP09-CRM-133**

SUBMISSION: AUGUST 27, 2009 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**"NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND IMPACT REPORT FOR SAIPAN BEACHES AND LAGOON USAGE FOR THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE"**

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QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT MAY BE FAXED TO DR. JOHN B. JOYNER, CRMO DIRECTOR, AT (670) 664-8315 NO LATER THAN AUGUST 18, 2009, CLOSE OF BUSINESS

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**Head Start Policy Council  
Agenda**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a meeting on August 4, 2009 (Tuesday) from 10:30am – 2:30pm at Minami, Palms Resort, Saipan.

**I. Preliminary Matters**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of Minutes of July 2, 2009

**II. Public Comments**

**III. Monthly Reports**

1. Director
2. Managers
3. Finance
4. Council Standing Committees
  - a. Personnel
  - b. Education
  - c. Executive
  - d. Finance
  - e. Public Relations

**IV. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

1. Approval of Supplemental Grant Application for Outer Pacific Head Start Training

**VI. Executive Session**

**VII. Next Meeting**

**VIII. Adjournment**

*Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. Public Comments are limited to 15 minutes; therefore comments are limited to 3 minutes each.*

This meeting is open to the public; interested individuals are welcomed to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Quitugua at 664-3751.

Mr. Vinnie Sablan  
Chairperson

**Notice of Zoning Board Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 6:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Bldg., Saipan

**A. Preliminary Matters**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
5. Communications

**B. Reports**

1. Chairman
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Administrator
5. Committees
6. Legal Counsel

**C. Public Comments**

**D. Permits/ Applications and related actions: review and decide.**

1. Conditional Use Application #2009-0119 Marianas Bible Fellowship Center
2. Conditional Use Application #2009-2026 Star Marianas Inc.

**E. Old Business. None**

**F. New Business**

1. Adult Business District Location

**G. Executive (Closed) Session - Consult with Legal Counsel regarding pending or anticipated legal matters**

**H. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.**

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Victor Barrett, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.). /s/ Henry Hofschneider, Chairman



## Life & Style

# Jackson chef recalls doctor's role, final days

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—On the day Michael Jackson died, his personal chef says her first hint of something amiss was when his doctor didn't come downstairs to get the juices and granola he routinely brought the King of Pop for breakfast each morning.

Kai Chase, a professionally trained chef hired by Jackson to maintain a healthy food regimen, recalled the singer's final days in an interview with The Associated Press. She also spoke about the role of his personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, who is now the focus of a manslaughter investigation.

Chase said Tuesday that she had gotten used to seeing Murray coming and going from the mansion. The doctor usually arrived about 9 or 9:30 p.m. and would go upstairs to Jackson's room, and she said she would not see him again before she left—sometimes late in the evening—but understood he was staying the night.

In the morning, when she arrived for work, Chase said she would see the doctor coming down the steps carrying oxygen tanks. When Murray didn't come downstairs the morning of June 25, "I thought maybe Mr. Jackson is sleeping late," Chase said.

"I started preparing the lunch and then I looked at my cell phone and it was noon. About 12:05 or 12:10 Dr. Murray runs down the steps and screams, 'Go get Prince!' He's screaming very loud. I run into the den



Kai Chase, Michael Jackson's personal chef, is photographed in Beverly Hills, Calif. on Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

where the kids are playing. Prince (Jackson's oldest son) runs to meet Dr. Murray and from that point on you could feel the energy in the house change.

"I walked into the hall and I saw the children there. The daughter was crying. I saw paramedics running up the stairs."

At that point, Chase said, the small group that was gathered—the children, their nanny, a housekeeper and Chase—held hands and began to pray. As paramedics raced up to the room, Chase recalls, "We were all praying, 'Help Mr. Jackson be O.K.'"

"Then everyone was very quiet."

At about 1:30 p.m. she said security guards told her and other staff to leave the property because "Mr. Jackson was being taken to the hospital."

When she came outside, she said, ambulances were in the courtyard and a crowd had gathered.

Chase, 37, who has cooked for other celebrities and comes from a show-business family, was hired by Jackson in March, let go in May, then re-

turned on June 2. She said the pop star's focus was on fresh, healthy food for him and the children.

She said she prepared meals for the family and occasionally for Murray. She said Jackson was in training for his upcoming shows in London and told her: "You have to take care of me." On most days, she said, Murray would bring Jackson the special fruit juice drinks Chase prepared for him, followed by granola with almond milk. For lunch, Jackson would eat with the children from a menu that included such things as spinach salad and chicken.

Murray sometimes joined them for dinner, which might be a seared ahi tuna. She said the doctor conferred with her about the 50-year-old pop singer's food and made sure that he ate.

The only oddity was the oxygen tanks. Chase said she never asked about the purpose of the oxygen and she saw no sign that Jackson was on drugs or was in failing health.

## Matt Damon gets political in documentary

**PASADENA, Calif. (AP)**—How does Matt Damon make reciting the Declaration of Independence exciting?

"You just read it," says the actor-writer-producer. "Seriously. It is an incredible document. I think people either forget about it or have been taught it too early in their lives. It's a document worth reading and rereading every single year because it's the principles in that document that we should be loyal to and fight for and struggle for, rather than whichever government is in power."

"The Bourne Ultimatum" star reads the declaration in "The People Speak," an upcoming History Channel movie co-executive produced by Damon and based on Howard Zinn's book, "A People's History of the United States." Joining Damon in reading letters, speeches and text from famous and not-so famous Americans are such stars as Josh Brolin, Viggo

Mortensen, Morgan Freeman and Marisa Tomei.

"The material is inherently dramatic," says Tomei, who recited the words of factory worker

Harriet Hanson Robinson at a 2003 celebration of the millionth copy of Zinn's book sold and in the documentary. "You don't have to wonder, 'How am I going to rephrase that?' or 'How am I going to make it through this scene?' It's all right there for you in the words of these impassioned people."

One political topic Damon is avoiding is Sarah Palin. Damon drew headlines last September when he told The Associated Press during an inter-

view that the Republican vice presidential candidacy was like "a bad Disney movie." He said he had "no idea" what Palin would do now that she has stepped down as Alaska's governor. He joked that he's still in shock about the attention his remarks received.



Matt Damon, performer and executive producer of the film "The People Speak", speaks as executive producer Chris Moore looks on during the History Channel panel at the Television Critics Association summer press tour in Pasadena, Calif. on Wednesday, July 29, 2008.

## Comics find something to laugh about with Gates

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Late-night comics found a few things to laugh about in the racially charged arrest of a Harvard professor—once beer was added to the equation.

President Barack Obama's invitation to the two men involved to hoist a few at the White House on Thursday opened the comedy floodgates. Before that, the late-night TV world dominated by white comics largely stayed away from the subject of Harvard University scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr.'s confrontation at his home with white police officer Joseph Crowley.

"Alcohol usually cools things

off—have you noticed that?" CBS' David Letterman said on Tuesday night.

Letterman joked that Vice President Joe Biden has already been put to work buying a keg for the meeting.

"If it goes well, then President Obama is going to invite (South Carolina) Gov. and Mrs. Sanford to come up and have a beer," he said.

NBC's "Tonight" show host Conan O'Brien said that if the White House meeting works out, "Obama is going to have Ahmadinejad and Netanyahu over for Jaeger bombs."

Since O'Brien and his NBC late-night colleague, Jimmy

Fallon, both have audiences with a concentration of young men, beer was something they could appreciate. "How cool is that?" Fallon said.

"They'll come over, one beer will lead to two, two will lead to nine, next thing you know everyone will forget that they were ever mad at each other," he said. "They'll start doing Jaeger shots out of Betsy Ross' thimble. They'll make prank phone calls on the Red Phone. Someone will be like, 'Let's TP the Capitol building!'"

But none of the comics had addressed the topic in their monologues until the invitation from Obama.

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**Thomas Haden Church, Carter Jenkins**  
 Adventure, Family • Rated PG

### Synopsis

A group of kids defend their Maine vacation home from knee-high alien invaders in this adventure comedy for the entire family. When Michigan native Bethany Pearson (Ashley Tisdale) arrives home after a secret outing with her boyfriend Ricky (Robert Hoffman), her father Stuart (Kevin Nealon) decides that it's high time for a family vacation. Packing up the car with wife Hannah (Ashley Boettcher) teenage son Tom (Carter Jenkins) and big sister Bethany in tow, Stuart invites the extended family to join them at the vacation home for some much-needed R&R and sets his sights on Maine.



**Funny People**

Fri. and Sat. 1:10 4:05 7:10 9:40  
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:10 4:05 7:10

**Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen**  
 Comedy • Rated R

### Synopsis

When seasoned comedian George Simmons learns of his terminal, inoperable health condition, his desire to form a genuine friendship cause him to take a relatively green performer under his wing as his opening act.



**G-Force**

Fri. and Sat. 1:15 4:15 7:30 9:45  
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:15 4:15 7:30

**Nicolas Cage, Steve Buscemi**  
 Action, Animated • Rated PG

### Synopsis

A group of guinea pigs trained by the government to work in espionage, armed with the latest high-tech spy equipment, soon discover that the fate of the world is in their paws. Tapped for the G-Force are guinea pigs Darwin the squad leader determined to succeed at all costs; Blaster, an outrageous weapons expert with tons of attitude and a love for all things extreme; and Juarez a sexy martial arts pro; plus the literal fly-on-the-wall reconnaissance expert, Mooch, and a star-nosed mole, Speckles, the computer and information specialist.



**Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince**

Fri. and Sat. 1:05 4:10 7:15 10:10  
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:05 4:10 7:15

**Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson**  
 Fantasy, Adventure, Sequel • Rated PG-13



**Orphan**

Fri. and Sat. 1:25 4:20 7:05 9:50  
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:25 4:20 7:05

**Peter Sarsgaard, Isabelle Fuhrman**  
 Thriller, Horror • Rated R



**Ice Age: Dawn Of The Dinosaurs**

Fri. and Sat. 1:20 4:30 7:25 9:30  
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:20 4:30 7:25

**John Leguizamo, Queen Latifah**  
 Family-Oriented Adventure • Rated PG



**Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen**

Fri. and Sat. 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00  
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1:00 4:00 7:00

**Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox**  
 Sci-Fi Action • Rated PG-13

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## 'Tired' husband finds energy to leave his wife, daughter

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Aaron," and I have been married five years. We hit a rough patch, and when I'd ask him what was wrong, he would always say he was "just tired."

One day I returned from work and found a note saying he had left me.

My husband has been gone more than a month now. We have a 3-year-old daughter. I have spoken to Aaron on the phone, and he tells me he's coming home, but he never shows.

Our daughter is asking questions about her daddy that I don't know how to answer, so I just hug her and tell her he's not coming home right now.

I can't understand what has happened. Aaron says he still loves me. How can he put me through this? I could never leave my child for this amount of time. I hold out hope that he will come back, but deep down I know I should move on. I love him, though, and so does our daughter. How do I give up on that?

BROKEN AND LOST IN KENTUCKY

**DEAR BROKEN AND LOST:** Unless your husband is in jail or witness protection, the chances are that he is with someone else. It would be better for you and your daughter if he would be honest and admit what's going on, but it appears he doesn't have the courage.

Because you're not ready to give up, you should stand pat. Sooner or later you'll learn the score, and when you do, you'll have a better idea of how to handle the situation.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My mother-in-law is a hoarder, and anything her son (my husband) and I do to bring it to her attention makes her angry.

When we had a meeting with her and her doctor about the situation, she denied that she had a problem. She straight-out lied to him and said she's "working on the issue." In reality she has done nothing.

It has reached the point that my mother-in-law is sleeping on a corner of her couch because the clutter has forced her out of her bedroom. Is there any organization out there that we can contact for support and guidance on how to address this?

HOPING TO HELP, PUEBLO, COLO.

**DEAR HOPING:** When the tendency to hoard becomes as overwhelming as your mother-in-law's has, it may be a symptom of obsessive-compulsive disorder. The Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation is a reliable resource that may be able to help you help her. It has many local chapters that educate about this treatable neurological disorder, and they can refer you to qualified professionals.

The OC Foundation offers individuals with this disorder the support they need to manage their symptoms, and can help you persuade your MIL to seek the help she needs. Its address is P.O. Box 961029, Boston, MA 02196. Its phone number is (617) 973-5801 and its Web site is [www.ocfoundation.org](http://www.ocfoundation.org).

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**DEAR ABBY:** My fiancé and I are very much in love and plan on being married in October. We're both in our 50s.

I have a secret that I haven't told him and I'm afraid to because I'm worried he won't love me anymore if I do. My secret is I wear dentures. He's always telling me what beautiful teeth I have and he wishes his were as pretty as mine.

I feel that I should be honest about this before we get married. Should I tell?

SPARKLING WHITE IN TEXAS

**DEAR SPARKLING:** Of course you should tell him — because he is going to find out eventually anyway. Here's how to approach it. The next time he compliments you, tell him if he wants teeth as beautiful as yours, it's doable; all he has to do is call your dentist.

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*Dear Abby*

## Lefevre 'stunned' Howard has her role in 'Eclipse'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bryce Dallas Howard is taking over as the villainous vampire Victoria in the third "Twilight" movie, and the actress who's played the part in the first two films says she was "stunned" and "hurt deeply" by the switch.

Rachelle Lefevre says she was unaware that Summit Entertainment, which is releasing the vampire saga, had chosen someone else to play her part in "Eclipse." Summit announced Howard as her replacement late Tuesday, saying Lefevre had scheduling conflicts that would make her unable to participate in the production.

But Lefevre said Wednesday that she was "fully committed" to returning as Victoria. She says her involvement in the drama "Barney's Version," starring Paul Giamatti and Dustin Hoffman, would only last 10 days.

"I turned down several other film opportunities and, in accordance with my contractual rights, accepted only roles that would involve very short shooting schedules," she said in a lengthy statement.



In this May 14, 2009 file photo, Bryce Dallas Howard arrives at the premiere of the film "Terminator Salvation" in Los Angeles.

"Although the production schedule for 'Eclipse' is over three months long, Summit said they had a conflict during those 10 days and would not accommodate me. Given the length of filming for 'Eclipse,' never did I fathom I would lose the role over a 10-day overlap."

The news also shook up the fervent fans of the "Twilight" series: Several are circulating online petitions urging that she return, and the top-trending topic on Twitter for a while Wednesday afternoon was "Bring Back Rachelle."

Summit did not have an immediate response to Lefevre's comments.

Though new to the "Twilight" franchise, the 28-year-old Howard is no stranger to blockbusters, having co-starred in "Spider-Man 3" and "Terminator Salvation." She also appeared in "The Village" and "Lady in the Water."

"Eclipse," based on the third book in Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" saga, is scheduled to begin shooting in Vancouver in August. Part two, "New Moon," comes out Nov. 20.

## Coroner: Heart disease killed author Harris

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A coroner's official says heart disease, complicated by high blood pressure and a hardening of the arteries, is what killed author E. Lynn Harris last week.

County coroner Craig Harvey said Wednesday that the 54-year-old died of natural causes. Harris died July 23

while visiting Los Angeles to promote his latest book.

Harris lived in Atlanta and was considered a pioneer of gay black fiction, enjoying unprecedented success in the genre. He wrote 11 novels, and ten of them became New York Times best-sellers.

More than four million of his books are in print.



In this July 7, 2008 file photo, author E. Lynn Harris poses in the living room of his home in Atlanta.

Madonna performs at the Valle Hovin Stadium in Oslo Norway Tuesday July 28, 2009.



## Madonna pens article for Israeli daily

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel's biggest daily newspaper is boasting a new international correspondent—Madonna.

The Material Girl's byline is on the front page of Wednesday's issue of Yediot Ahronot with an excerpt from her upcoming article headlined: "How My Life Changed."

The paper translated her words into Hebrew. Madonna's full article is to be published Friday.

Madonna isn't Jewish but she

has adopted the Hebrew name of Esther and studies Jewish mysticism.

She made a private pilgrimage to Israel in 2004 and plans two shows in the country in September as part of her Sticky & Sweet tour.

In her article, the 50-year-old entertainer describes her religious awakening almost 14 years ago, saying she realized fame and fortune were not the end but only the beginning.

## Bob Barker asks Cherokee chief to end NC bear pits

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP)—Former game show host and longtime animal rights activist Bob Barker has made a personal appeal to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina to stop exhibiting bears in pit-like enclosures at three local zoos.

The Asheville Citizen-Times reported that Barker met Tuesday with Principal Chief Mitchell Hicks and five members of the Tribal Council. He called the bears' conditions inhumane and asked that they be turned over to a sanctuary in California.

"To think that with as advanced as our civilization is

now that there is any place in the United States where bears are kept in pits is just unbelievable," said Barker, who is part American Indian and grew up on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. "Just picture yourself, if your life, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, month after month, was in a pit."

The bears are displayed in walled enclosures set into the ground at three local attractions that bill themselves as zoos and theme parks.

Barker will discuss the meeting at a news conference Wednesday morning in Asheville.

Hicks told the Asheville Citizen-Times that the tribe follows federal regulations in caring for the bears.

Collette Coggins, who owns one of the attractions, the Cherokee Bear Zoo, with her husband, Barry, said the bears don't stay in the pits all day, every day. "We love our animals," she said. "They are like our pets."

In this Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006 file photo, television game show host Bob Barker interacts with the audience during a live taping of 'The Price Is Right' at the CBS Studios in Los Angeles.



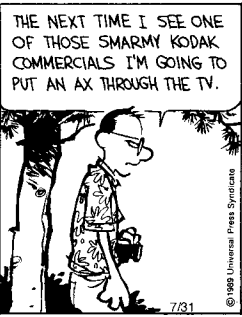


Pastimes

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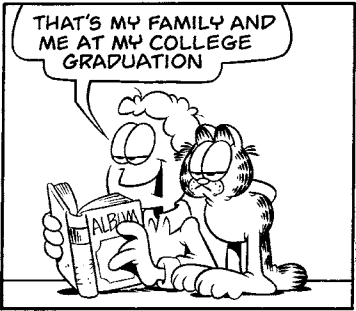


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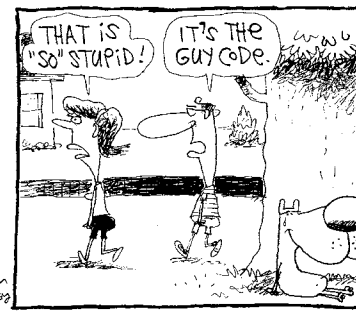
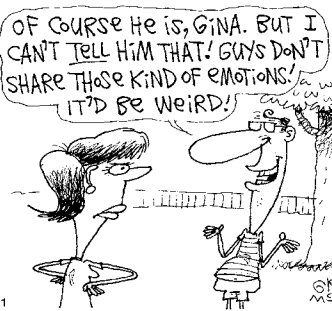
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Includes a section for 'Yesterday's answer 7-31'.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Eric Lively, 28; Dean Cain, 43; J.K. Rowling, 44; Jim Corr, 45. Happy Birthday: Get involved in things you enjoy and you will find a way to earn a living and have fun. Concentrate on children, family and building a small community of talented people around you who can contribute to your end goal. During the course of the year, you can turn something you love doing into something lucrative. Your numbers are 8, 13, 18, 20, 26, 33, 42. ARIES (March 21-April 19): The spin you give to your ideas, concepts and abilities will excite the people you contact. Someone you are close to may have issues. Compromise and you can put this matter to rest. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make adjustments to your plans in order to suit everyone involved. Stubbornness will not help matters. Someone who doesn't want you to find out about his or her private matters will misinform you. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are heading down a favorable path that can bring you advancement and can help you establish a stronger personal and professional position. Face emotional issues head on. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lifestyle and personal changes will benefit you and the ones you love. You will discover valuable information regarding someone you love and admire. You'll be touched by someone's selfless actions; reciprocate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have everything to gain and nothing to lose if you stick to the guidelines. Overindulging, or overspending must be avoided. You can have fun and impress your friends without picking up the tab. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Questioning is a good way to come to some important conclusions. Take a closer look at the individuals who dictate what you can and cannot do. A change at work and at home may be tempting but, before making a move, be sure you have somewhere better to go. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel, learning or discussing your plans with people who can contribute to what you are trying to accomplish will help you make a crucial move. Update your look and your technological savvy. Someone you have helped in the past can now return the favor. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be ahead of the competition and the opposition. Be ready to change your direction or the way you are doing things if you want to fool someone who is working against you. A change made now will lead to happiness in the future. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Everything is falling into place for you, so stop fooling around and start putting your plans in motion. Do the legwork if you want to make the most of an idea you have. Talks, travel and gaining experience will lead you to the winner's circle.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Change your surroundings and the way you do things and you will surprise everyone who finds you so predictable. A good professional or financial opportunity is apparent and must be taken advantage of. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Follow your heart and your intuition and it will lead you in the right direction. Don't be afraid to take on a little extra work. Consider a service or a skill you have to offer and pick up whatever you require to go into business. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may have to dodge a few emotional confrontations. You can have fun as long as you stay out of trouble. Money or a gift is likely to come your way. A little soul searching will go a long way. Birthday Baby: You are friendly and competitive. You are true to yourself and the ones you love. You are aggressive, persistent and somewhat impulsive. Eugenia's Web sites: astroadvice.com for fun, eugenialast.com for confidential consultations

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and empty cells.

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 7/31

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer grid with numbers.

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/30

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

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Wonderword puzzle grid with letters and words listed.

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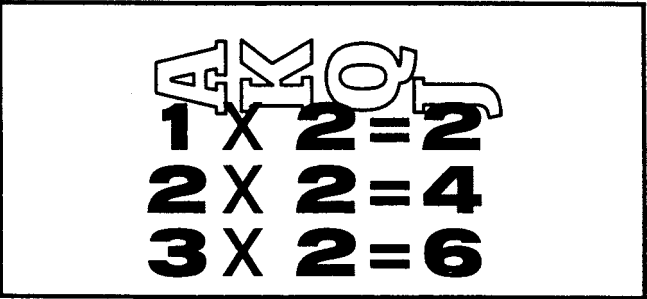
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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

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09-023	IT Specialist	\$19,425 - \$25,981	Administration, Saipan	6/10/2009	Until Filled
09-024	IT Manager	\$42,312 - \$56,592	Administration, Saipan	6/10/2009	Until Filled
09-027	Accountant (Accounts Payable)	\$34,176 - \$42,500	CFO Office, Saipan	7/23/2009	8/6/2009
09-028	Accountant (Accounts Receivable)	\$34,176 - \$42,500	CFO Office, Saipan	7/23/2009	8/6/2009
09-029	Accountant (Inventory)	\$34,176 - \$42,500	CFO Office, Saipan	7/23/2009	8/6/2009
09-030	Accounting Specialist	\$21,104 - \$25,852	CFO Office, Saipan	7/23/2009	8/6/2009
09-031	Accounting Assistant	\$12,263 - \$14,102	CFO Office, Saipan	7/23/2009	8/6/2009
09-032	Trades Assistant (Mechanic)	\$11,035 - \$16,003	Power Generation, Saipan	7/23/2009	8/6/2009
09-033	Trades Assistant (Mechanic)	\$11,035 - \$16,003	Power Plant, Rota	7/23/2009	8/6/2009

For information on the duties and minimum qualifications, please stop by the Human Resources Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.

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JANELE AYUYU ) FCD-AD  
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) NOTICE OF  
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ELOISE BABAUTA )  
MANGLONA; )  
)  
Petitioners. )

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on September 03, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2009.  
BERNADITA A. SABLAN  
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court





# NOTICE TO ALL BOATERS



This is to inform the general public that the Division of Fish and Wildlife has deployed Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) at the following positions:

Latitude	Longitude	Buoy	General Area
15°21 35 N	145°50 05 E	AA	North of Saipan
14°59 30 N	145°43 48 E	CC	East of Tinian
14°05 48 N	145°09 12 E	DD	SE of Rota
14°12 42 N	145°10 48 E	EE	NNW of Rota
15°59 54 N	145°27 42 E	FF	West of Tinian
15°04 36 N	145°32 56 E	GG	West of Tinian
15°09 51 N	145°28 15 E	HH	SW of Saipan
15°14 54 N	145°29 47 E	II	West of Saipan
15°19 19 N	145°32 20 E	JJ	West of Saipan
15°17 11 N	145°41 20 E	KK	NW of Managaha
15°20 45 N	145°46 00 E	LL	SW Marpi Reef

- **Coordinates are set in WGS84 datum.**
- **Units are in Degrees Minutes Seconds (D/M/S).**
- **Buoys have a drift range of .5 nautical miles from the above-mentioned positions.**

These FAD's are to be utilized for the sole purpose of recreational fishing. Boaters are advised not to anchor/moor onto any of these systems as they may cause damage to the buoy. This project is funded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Grant. Copies of the positions and map are available on the CNMI Division of Fish & Wildlife website: ([http://www.dfw.gov.mp/Fisheries/FAD\\_Locations\\_60909.html](http://www.dfw.gov.mp/Fisheries/FAD_Locations_60909.html)).



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### AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA)** is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **RUNWAY 7/25 REHABILITATION – PACKAGE 2, PHASE 2, FRANCISCO C. ADA SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-53/58.**

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the Airport Runway 7/25 Rehabilitation to include milling of existing runway, taxiway, blast pad and shoulder pavements, asphalt concrete overlay, grooving and marking of surfaces; and the restoration of Taxiway "A", Replacement of Runway Edge Lights and Guidance Signs, and the installation of lighted wind cones all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.2 (Contract Time)** of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages)** of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-27 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, Friday, July 17, 2009** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 601-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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Closing date: July 31, 2009

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# After stunning loss, Phelps rebounds with record



Michael Phelps reacts after winning the gold medal in the final of the Men's 200m Butterfly at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Rome, Wednesday, July 29, 2009.



**ROME (AP)**—Michael Phelps had another swimsuit issue. It didn't slow him down this time. Phelps bounced back from a stunning loss with something more familiar—a world record in the 200-meter butterfly Wednesday. For good measure, he surpassed another of Mark Spitz's accomplishments with the 34th world record of his career, one more than Spitz had during his brilliant run in the pool.

One night after he was soundly beaten by Germany's Paul Biedermann, Phelps sliced the time in what he calls his "bread and butter" to 1 minute, 51.51 seconds, more than a half-second lower than his gold medal-winning time of 1:52.03 at the Beijing Olympics.

With all the hullabaloo over swimsuits, everyone wondered about Phelps' decision to wear one that stretched only from his waist to his ankles, leaving his upper body bare. Was he trying to make a fashion statement?

"No, that didn't even cross my mind," Phelps said. "It was just me being comfortable."

Actually, he had planned to wear a Speedo bodysuit, only to discover during warmups the one he brought to the Foro Italico was too tight in the shoulders. So he went back to the legsuit, which he prefers in the fly anyway.

"He actually warmed up with the full body and he just said it felt too tight and he took it off," Phelps' coach Bob Bowman said. "Then I noticed he hadn't shaved his chest, but I'm like, 'Don't worry about it. I don't think you have much hair.'"

Phelps went out much faster than he normally does in the fly, and paid for it on the final push to the wall. His arms were burning. His legs, too. But there was no way he was losing again.

He surged to the wall a body length ahead of silver medalist Pawel Korzeniowski of Poland, with Japan's Takeshi Matsuda settling for bronze. Phelps whipped around quickly to see his time and held up his right index finger when the "WR" was posted.

"I wanted to step on it in the first 100 to get out there in the clean water, and that's pretty much what happened,"

Phelps said. "It was a lot more pain last night than tonight."

On Tuesday, he was blown out of the water by Germany's Paul Biedermann, who routed Phelps in the 200 freestyle and also snatched away his world record.

Most of the talk afterward was about what they were wearing—and there wasn't a red carpet in sight. Biedermann was in a polyurethane Arena X-Glide suit, which everyone concedes produces much faster times than Phelps' year-old Speedo LZR Racer.

Bowman threatened to pull his star from all future international events unless FINA speeds up its timetable for banning bodysuits. The governing body had mandated that male swimmers go back to wearing waist-to-knee "jammers" made from textile materials, but says the new rules may not be fully implemented until May 2010.

Phelps will let others debate those issues, though he's never real happy about losing. Friends stepped up to help him cope with his first major individual loss since 2005, sending along texts to the effect: "If you want to call me and just yell at the phone and get some frustration out, I have no problem sitting there and listening."

He took them up on the offer.

"I was having some texting battles with a couple of buddies from home, and it was cool just being able to let some emotions out and have somebody listen to it," Phelps said. "I think that definitely helped."

It also helped to swim the 200 fly. That event produced Phelps' first trip to the Olympics in 2000 (he finished fifth at Sydney as a 15-year-old). That event produced the first of all those world records in 2001.

"I've always done well in it," he said. "I guess you can call it my bread and butter event."

There couldn't have been a more appropriate place for Phelps to add another record to his resume. Shortly after he climbed from the pool, Italy's Federica Pellegrini sent the home crowd into a frenzy when she set the 20th world mark of the four-day-old meet in the 200 freestyle.

With no disrespect to Phelps, Bie-

dermann and Pellegrini have been the stars of these worlds. Biedermann dispatched Ian Thorpe from the record book in the 400 free before knocking off Phelps. Pellegrini thrilled the home folks with her second win and third world record.

"I feel that my heart is for Italy," she said after clapping along with the crowd during her country's bouncy national anthem, "Fratelli d'Italia" (Brothers of Italy).

Before this night was done, South Africa's Cameron van der Burgh broke the mark he set in the semifinals to win the 50 breaststroke, and China's Zhang Lin took down Grant Hackett's four-year-old record in the 800 free by more than six seconds (7:32.12), with Tunisia's Ous Mellouli also going under the old mark but only getting silver. Both are non-Olympic events.

Earlier, Germany's Daniela Samulski and Russia's Anastasia Zueva got things rolling by setting records in consecutive semifinal heats of the 50 backstroke, another event not on the Olympic program. And let's not forget American Mary Descenza, who took more than three seconds off her personal best to swim the fastest women's 200 butterfly ever—in the morning preliminaries, no less.

For those who've lost count, that's 22 records in Rome, hardly living up to the label as the Eternal City. Nothing is sacred in these suits, which have already helped surpass the 15 records set at the last worlds in Melbourne two years ago, with four days still to go.

Phelps had been eager to get another shot at the 200 fly on the big stage, even after winning gold in China. During the Olympic race, his goggles filled with water and he actually had to count his strokes in his head because he couldn't really see where he was. He was disgusted afterward.

"That's something I really wanted to do last year, break the 1:52 barrier," he said. "Coming into it tonight I said, 'Whatever happens, happens.' I tried to give it my all the first 150."

Was redemption on his mind as well? "Not really," Phelps insisted. "I've always been able to put races behind

me, having to do so many events. You can't get caught up with one event."

That said, Phelps couldn't wait to get on the podium to collect his first individual title of the meet, which he spurred on to enter by his mother, Debbie. While his name was being announced in English and Italian, he stood impatiently with his right foot already on the stand.

Finally, Phelps hopped up to the highest rung, thrust both arms in the air with a defiant look that melted into a

crooked smile. Then he plunged into the stands to hug his mom, just as he the night before.

No consoling this time. Only a celebration.

"My mom did want to come to Rome," Phelps said. "After the Olympics, I said I would just send her over there and she could have a nice vacation. But she said, 'No, I want to come over there and see you swim.' So I got back in the pool, lost some weight and got back in shape."

## MOVING IN, MOVING ON:

### Without Favre, Vikes arrive



**MANKATO, Minn.** (AP)—Once again, Brett Favre ran away from a Minnesota rush.

Brad Childress insisted the chase is over.

The Vikings coach said Wednesday evening he's "more than content" with a competition between Tarvaris Jackson and Sage Rosenfels for the job the team tried so hard to give to Favre, only to find out the NFL's all-time leading passer decided to remain retired.

"He's gone his way, and we've gone our way," Childress said after meeting with both Jackson and Rosenfels earlier in the day.

Childress described their demeanor as excited, proudly noting Jackson was the first player to report to the residence hall on the Minnesota State University campus, where the Vikings have held training camp for 43 years.

Rosenfels was grateful for some resolution, but said he wasn't "at all" insulted by his teammates' overt interest in acquiring the famously waffling quarterback.

"This is the NFL. I'm a pro. They're pros. I think these guys are going to have the utmost confidence in me, and I have a lot of confidence in them," Rosenfels said, as players trickled into the parking lot with pillows and luggage in tow. "It's time to go to work."

Jackson wasn't available for comment, but Rosenfels offered a good word for both of them in defiance of the widespread belief the Vikings are still missing the quarterback they need for that elusive Super Bowl victory.

"Everyone has their opinion. I have my opinion. I feel like the quarterbacks are going to play really, really well this year," Rosenfels said.

In an interview posted on Sports Illustrated's Web site, Favre added another subtle twist to this endlessly open-ended story: "I truly, truly believe it's over. But if someone calls Nov. 1, who knows?"

Asked whether the Vikings would revisit the possibility should Favre change his mind again, Childress repeated his "more than content" stance about the current quarterbacks.

The coach was then pressed to definitively rule out another dalliance with Favre.

"There's not a chance, from my standpoint. I'm going forward with the guys we have, and we'll have a great competition," Childress said, using a similar line to deny interest in pursuing the recently reinstated Michael Vick.

Now the Vikings are trying to revive their support for the guys who

were going to fight for the job in the first place, and denying any doubts about their ability.

Left guard Steve Hutchinson and defensive end Jared Allen were among the players who checked in with Favre in recent weeks, but both of them claimed they weren't recruiting.

"It's just funny how one of a million texts comes out as we're trying to lobby for him," Hutchinson said. "It had nothing to do with that."

Allen characterized the communication simply as team leaders assessing the situation.

"It's been blown up to we were trying to coax him in and begging him to come, and that's not the case," Allen said, as Childress rode by in a golf cart and teased him to cut his shaggy hair.

Allen also insisted the team didn't need to do any damage control.

"I'll tell them right now: We have their back. One of them's going to be our quarterback, you know, and we're cool with that," Allen said.

Speaking to The Associated Press in Mississippi, Favre's agent, Bus Cook, said he believes the soon-to-be 40-year-old made the right decision. Asked about Favre's insinuation that he could play come midseason, Cook said he hadn't discussed that with his friend and client.

"I don't think that he's categorically said ... that if the world falls and they need a quarterback that I wouldn't go, but he's not looking for that to happen either," Cook said.

Cook reiterated Favre's earlier assertion that the health of his ankles and knees and other potential aches and pains, not the strength of his right arm, was the reason for his reluctance.

"He's really tried and worked hard, but every day his body was telling him, 'Look, you've still got the arm. It's the rest of me that's telling you to rethink your situation,'" Cook said. "He said, 'Look, I don't want to go through it no more. Right now I'm just not of a mindset to go up there and go through this and that. I don't want to get to the middle of the season and look around and wonder what I've gotten myself into here.'"

In an earlier interview with the AP, before Favre had made up his mind, Childress called the distraction and potential negative effect on Jackson and Rosenfels "overrated."

He added: "We're going to be a good football team, either way."

On Wednesday, Childress defended the perceived risk of such a high-profile pursuit: "I owe it to this organization and I owe it to this football team to bring in the best possible players that I can bring in here."



# Granderson, Tigers beat up Rangers, 13-5



**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)**—Curtis Granderson led off the

game with a home run and connected again in the second inning as the Detroit Tigers beat the Texas Rangers 13-5 in the American League on Wednesday. The Tigers scored in each of the first seven innings and matched a season high with 19 hits.

Miguel Cabrera, who had four hits and four RBIs, and Marcus Thames homered for Detroit. Andruw Jones homered twice for Texas.

Justin Verlander (12-5) tied for the major league lead in wins. He boosted his AL-leading strikeout total to 172 while pitching seven innings.

## Yankees 6, Rays 2

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Joba Chamberlain pitched eight scoreless innings, and Mark Teixeira and Robinson Cano homered and drove in two runs apiece to lead New York past Tampa Bay.

The Yankees won for the 11th time in 13 games since the All-Star break.

Chamberlain (7-2) limited the Rays to three singles—two by Jason Bartlett—while allowing only one runner to reach second base. The right-hander struck out five and walked two, both coming in the fifth inning.

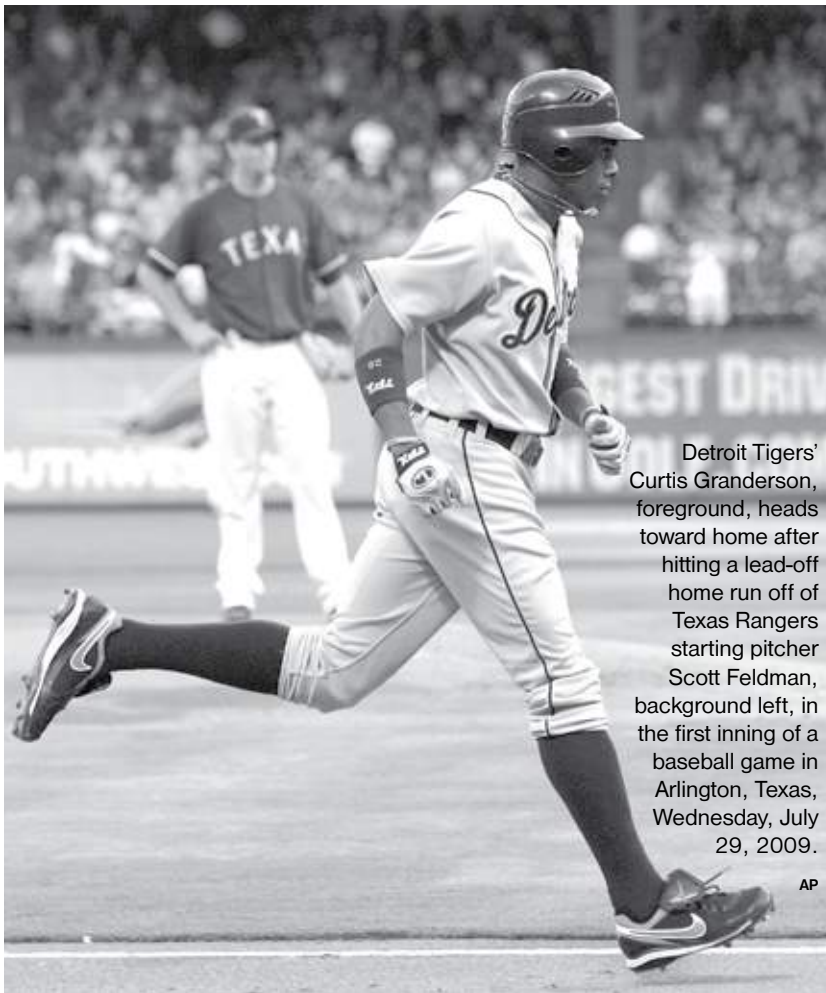
## Athletics 8, Red Sox 6

At Boston, Adam Kennedy homered on the first pitch of the game as Oakland again outslugged Boston to win a day after beating the Red Sox with a 21-hit attack.

Brett Anderson (6-8) was staked to a 5-0 lead before even taking the mound and won at Fenway Park for the second time in 23 days. He beat the Red Sox 6-0 with a two-hit complete game on July 6.

## Twins 3, White Sox 2

At Minneapolis, light-hitting Alexi Casilla



Detroit Tigers' Curtis Granderson, foreground, heads toward home after hitting a lead-off home run off of Texas Rangers starting pitcher Scott Feldman, background left, in the first inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Wednesday, July 29, 2009. AP

had two RBIs as Minnesota's bullpen pitched four scoreless innings in the Twins three-game sweep of Chicago.

Casilla, who entered the game hitting .161, broke a 2-2 tie with a run-scoring single in the sixth and the Twins beat the White Sox for the sixth time in seven games. Minnesota has won four straight overall.

## Orioles 7, Royals 3

At Baltimore, Adam Jones homered and drove in three runs and Nick Markakis also had three RBIs as Baltimore downed Kansas City.

Kansas City did not have an assist in

the game. The last team to go a game without an assist was Tampa Bay on May 17, 2003, also in a loss—eight innings in the field—to Baltimore, according to STATS LLC. Only five teams in big league history have done it for at least nine innings.

## Mariners 3, Blue Jays 2

At Seattle, Ken Griffey Jr. doubled twice and drove in the decisive runs in the seventh inning as Seattle tagged Roy Halladay with a season-high 11 hits while beating Toronto.

The Mariners got a solo home run from ailing Jose Lopez, then loaded

the bases on three singles in the seventh against Halladay (11-4), whom Toronto has declared open for bidding on the non-waiver trade market that closes on Friday.

## Angels 9, Indians 3

At Anaheim, California, Howie Kendrick homered and drove in a career-high five runs to lead Los Angeles.

John Lackey (7-4) won a tongue-twisting matchup against Aaron Laffey, giving up a run and three hits in seven innings. Lackey, who started the season on the disabled list because of a strained right forearm, is 4-0 with a 1.47 ERA over his last four starts.

## Padres 7, Reds 1

At Cincinnati, the San Diego Padres earned their first consecutive wins in a month when rookie Mat Latos and two relievers combined on a one-hitter to beat the Cincinnati Reds.

Latos (2-1) earned his second straight victory by allowing only Jerry Hairston Jr.'s homer in the fourth inning. Greg Burke and Mike Ekstrom both pitched one inning to complete the Padres' second one-hitter of the season.

## Cardinals 3, Dodgers 2

At St. Louis, Albert Pujols lined an RBI single over the head of center fielder Matt Kemp with two outs in the 15th inning to give St. Louis a victory over Los Angeles to give NL West leader its first four-game losing streak of the season.

Blake Hawksworth (1-0) allowed two hits and struck out three in three innings for his first career victory.

## Marlins 6, Braves 3

At Miami, pitcher Josh Johnson hit a three-run homer in another solid start to lift Florida.

His shot in the fourth off Kenshin Kawakami (5-8) was the second home run of his career. Johnson (10-2) al-

lowed eight hits in six innings before the bullpen shut out the Braves the rest of the way.

## Giants 1, Pirates 0, 10 innings

At San Francisco, Randy Winn lined an RBI single down the first-base line with two outs in the 10th inning to give San Francisco a three-game sweep.

Matt Cain allowed three hits over nine innings for the Giants.

Eugenio Velez led off the 10th against Matt Capps (2-6) with a single. He was sacrificed to second and scored on Winn's lone hit in five at-bats.

## Cubs 12, Astros 0

At Chicago, Randy Wells pitched eight innings and Alfonso Soriano hit a three-run homer during Chicago's six-run first inning.

Aramis Ramirez homered and drove in two runs for the Cubs, who battered Mike Hampton (6-8) and improved to 10-3 since the All-Star break.

## Diamondbacks 4, Phillies 0

At Phoenix, Justin Upton homered and drove in three runs and Chris Snyder added a solo shot as Arizona defeated Philadelphia hours after the defending world champions acquired ace lefty Cliff Lee from Cleveland.

Arizona journeyman Yusmeiro Petit (1-5) matched a career high with eight strikeouts and won for the first time since Aug. 23, 2008, a span of 11 starts.

## Brewers 7, Nationals 5

At Milwaukee, Casey McGehee's two-run, pinch-hit homer helped rally Milwaukee past Washington.

McGehee's homer—the Brewers' first from a pinch-hitter this season—came with two outs in the sixth inning off reliever Tyler Clippard (1-1) and gave Milwaukee a 6-5 lead.

# Phils get Cy Young winner Cliff Lee from Indians

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)**—Cliff Lee's new teammates were so excited to get him, they gave the man responsible for the trade a clubhouse curtain call. Looking for an ace to bolster their so-so rotation, the Philadelphia Phillies acquired Lee on Wednesday from Cleveland, marking the second straight year the Indians traded the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner.

When general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. walked through the locker room hours before the defending World Series champions played in Arizona, many Phillies greeted him with applause.

"One of our goals has been to add someone to our rotation that can be a difference-maker," Amaro said in a conference call. "It's important to show our guys on the field that we're making the best effort to put the best team out there."

The NL East-leading Phillies gave Cleveland four minor league prospects for Lee and outfielder Ben Francisco. The left-handed Lee is 7-9 with a 3.14 ERA in 22 starts this season after going 22-3 with a 2.54 ERA last year.

"I'm going to miss all these guys here, but it's an opportunity for me to help a team that's in first place," Lee said after the Indians lost to the Los Angeles Angels 9-3 in Anaheim, Calif.

"They're the defending world champions. So as far as that goes, I'm excited. But right now I've got to figure out how to get there and meet up with them and get acclimated to their team," Lee said.

The Phillies sent Triple-A pitcher Carlos Carrasco, infielder Jason Donald and catcher Lou Marson along with Single-A pitcher Jason Knapp to Cleveland.

Last year, the Indians dealt CC Sabathia, then the reigning Cy Young winner and in the final year of his contract, to the Milwaukee Brewers. Sabathia helped the Brewers into the postseason before signing a \$161 million, seven-year contract with the New York Yankees.

Lee turns 31 next month and his contract includes a \$9 million club option for next season.

"At the root of this deal was balancing the conviction of our ability to compete in 2010 with the opportunity to impact the team's construction for years to come," Indians general manager Mark Shapiro said in a statement.

The Phillies pursued Blue Jays ace Roy Halladay, but shifted their attention to Lee because Toronto's asking price for the six-time All-Star is high. Philadelphia balked at trading top

pitching prospect Kyle Drabek, who was the 18th overall pick in the 2006 amateur draft.

Amaro acquired Lee without giving up Drabek, rookie left-hander J.A. Happ, who was 7-1 going into his start at Arizona, or highly touted minor league outfielders Michael Taylor and Dominic Brown.

"Watching him go through last year and this year, it's not like it's far off of Halladay at all," Phillies closer Brad Lidge said of Lee. "He's that kind of pitcher. And not having to give up Happ to get him, that's pretty impressive."

Lee gives the Phillies another top starter to join Cole Hamels. The MVP of the World Series and NLCS last fall has been inconsistent this season—Hamels was 7-5 with a 4.42 ERA, though he pitched well in a victory at Arizona on Tuesday.

The Phillies have a comfortable lead in the division—seven games ahead of second-place Florida going into Wednesday's games. They've sought pitching help since No. 2 starter Brett Myers had hip surgery in June. Jamie Moyer leads the staff with 10 wins, but he is 4-6 and has a 5.32 ERA.

The addition of Lee means Philadelphia has to drop someone - possibly Rodrigo Lopez—from its start-

ing rotation. Lopez, though, is 3-0 with a 3.09 ERA in four starts. The Phillies also have Pedro Martinez rehabbing in the minors. The three-time Cy Young Award winner signed a \$1 million, one-year contract during the All-Star break.

"I'd rather have a surplus than have needs," Amaro said. "It'll work itself out."

Manager Charlie Manuel said he'll probably make a decision about the rotation on the team's plane ride to San Francisco after the game.

Francisco, who is batting .250 with 10 homers and 33 RBIs, upgrades Philadelphia's bench, which has lacked a solid, right-handed hitter.

The Indians have been a disappointment this season and their decision to deal Lee for prospects is another blow for Cleveland fans, who have seen stars like Manny Ramirez, Jim Thome and Sabathia leave via free agency or trade.

"We've been through this before with much less talent in our cabinet," Shapiro said. "If we hadn't made tough decisions and trades before like this in the past, we wouldn't have had guys like Cliff."

The club had hoped to sign Lee to an extension but talks broke off during spring training. A succession of injuries

and dismal relief pitching dropped the Indians out of contention and forced Shapiro to begin rebuilding.

The Indians traded infielder/outfielder Mark DeRosa to St. Louis last month, sent reliever Rafael Betancourt to Colorado last week and dealt first baseman Ryan Garko to San Francisco on Monday.

Carrasco may be the closest to joining Cleveland's roster. The 22-year-old right-hander struggled early this season at Triple-A Lehigh Valley, but has pitched well recently. He was 6-9 with a 5.18 ERA in 20 starts, and had 112 strikeouts in 114 2-3 innings.

The 18-year-old Knapp was Philadelphia's second-round pick in last year's draft. He's 6-foot-5, 215 pounds and possesses an overpowering fastball, with 111 strikeouts in 85 1-3 innings. But he hasn't pitched since July 11 because of right shoulder soreness.

Marson, 23, was hitting .294 with one homer and 24 RBIs in 63 games at Lehigh Valley. He was 4 for 17 in seven games with the Phillies. Donald, 24, recently returned from knee surgery and was batting .236 with one homer and 16 RBIs in 51 games at Lehigh Valley.

"We gave them four very good baseball prospects, and that hurts," Amaro said. "When you want to acquire talent, you have to give talent, and that was part of the deal here."



# HANMI Cup sets Aug. 22 start



The 3rd Annual HANMI Cup Inter-Hotel Basketball League will unfurl on Aug. 22 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Coordinator Lito “William” Espino said, so far, seven teams have signified their interest in joining the competition that involves the staff of the Commonwealth’s hotel industry. Aside from defending champion Fiesta Resort and

Spa-Saipan Grand Hotel, also expected to see action in the three-month long league are Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, Saipan World Resort, Aqua Resort Club, Palms Resort Saipan, Pacific Islands Club, and guest team Shirley’s Coffee Shop-Century Hotel. Espino said teams must prepare for the parade on opening day that will include competitions for Best in Uniform and Best Muse. Like the previous two edi-

tions of the HANMI Cup Inter-Hotel Basketball League, the 2008-2009 season will be organized by the Northern Marianas Bartenders Association, where Espino is president. Games will be held Saturday and Sunday with the first game starting at 6:30pm and second game at 8pm. Entrance fee is \$600 and payable to NMBA. For more information about the 3rd Annual HANMI Cup Inter-Hotel Basketball League,

call Espino at 287-3723. After Aqua Resort Club won in 2007, the HANMI Cup went through a rollercoaster season in its second year, which saw the combined Fiesta Resort and Spa and Saipan Grand Hotel team take home the title to the delight of its fans and employees. Led by the high-scoring duo of Ryan Sanciango and Elmer Esdrelon, the Asia Pacific Hotels, Inc. quintet defeated PIC in the winner-take-all finals last April, 87-72. The game saw Fiesta-Grand draw 57 points from Sanciango and Esdrelon, while PIC was

led by the 18 markers of Derrick Tudela. On other side of the emotional spectrum, the 2007-2008 season witnessed the death of veteran cager Rick Alegre of Aqua Resort during an elimination game against Hyatt Regency Saipan. The league was postponed for a week to allow players to mourn for Alegre, who won a number of most valuable player awards not to mention championships with his mother team, Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense, in the United Filipino Organization’s yearly basketball leagues. *(Mark Rabago)*

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on Heat 3, won by Zambia’s Mark Paul Thomson (59.84). Seychelle’s Adam Victoria was second after submitting 1:00.17, while Bahrain’s Sufyan Almalki (1:01.25) finished third. Graf will swim in two more relay races, as he and teammates Rezne Wong, Kai Staal, and Shin Kimura compete in the 4x200m freestyle relay tomorrow and in the 4x100m medley relay on Sunday.

The CNMI Team’s first relay race was the 4x100m freestyle relay and the island’s four swimmers broke the record they made in the 2009 Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Guam early this year. The Commonwealth’s quartet timed in at 3:57.83 in the 4x100m freestyle relay, eclipsing the 3:58.49 mark they recorded in Guam in January. Kimura also competed in his last individual swim last Wednesday and came in next to Graf with the former logging a new personal best time of 1:01.86. His previous best was 1:03.26.

It was Kimura’s third personal best time in the tournament. Last Tuesday, the Grace Christian Academy student made his second PBT when he clocked in at 9:40.57 in the 800m race, shattering his old 9:45.97 mark. Last Monday, the 16-year-old Kimura joined the 200m freestyle race and completed the event in 2:13.02, crushing his personal mark of 2:15.08. Kimura debuted in the World Championships via the 400m freestyle swim last Sunday and failed to erase his personal best

time (4:44.84) when he finished the event in 4:47.58. Also faltering to make a new personal best time was Rezne Wong, who swam in the 200m individual medley and clocked in at 2:14.96. Wong’s best time stands at 2:14.48. The 18-year-old swimmer had an explosive start on Heat 4 when he timed in at 29.45 seconds in the first 50m, but he slowed down in the next two 50m, submitting 35.87 and 37.90 seconds, respectively. Wong tried to recover in the last 50m, but his 31.74 seconds was

not enough to give him a new personal best time. Branden Whitehurst of Virgin Islands ruled Heat 4 with a time of 2:06.25. Hungary’s Laszlo Cseh had the fastest qualifying time in the 200m medley, clocking in at 1:56.34, more than two seconds behind the World Championships (1:54.98) and world record marks (1:54.23) of the U.S.’ Michael Phelps. Phelps did not join the 200m individual medley event and on his place was Eric Shanteau, who posted the second best time of 1:57.65.

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champions, and of course one by Saipan top heavyweight Fitial. Manny is a true island warrior and loves to fight! He says he lives for the rush he gets when he steps into the octagon or ring. And at Trench Warz X, he promises to deliver an awesome performance against Fitial. He said win, lose, or draw, he vows to try and knock his opponent out!” said Alvarez. Fitial, however, may not be a willing accomplice to Chong’s guarantee and Alvarez noted

that the 245-lb. bruiser is not called the Big Hit for nothing. “He brings the punishment to all his foes. Fighting out of top MMA fight team, Marianas Elite, Kelvin not only brings the pain, but can take and tolerate pain like no other as displayed in his most recent fight on Saipan when he took on 250-lb. Ed “Zeppelin” Carpenter. Kelvin was mounted for four minutes in the first round and took many punches to the head and face and looked like he was on the verge of losing until he turned the tide around and ended up knocking out his opponent in the second round,” said Alvarez.

Prior to the Fitial-Chong rematch, XXXTREME’s “Kill” Bill Saures will take on Da Crew 671’s Mike “Ogre” Davis in the big brawl. The semi main event, meanwhile, will have Team Lock-down’s Eric “The Terror” Tedaotao against Marianas Elite’s Myron “The Natural” San Nicolas in the 240-lb. super heavyweight division semi main event. The other seven MMA fights scheduled tonight are the following: ■ Trench Tech’s Chris “No Luv” Laayug vs. Team Countershot’s Jon “The Heat” Delos

Reyes in the 145-lb. division; ■ Spike 22/Ground Fu’s Tony “Rush” Reyes vs. Tanapag Beach Badd Boiz/Team Zogai’s Ryan Gardee in the 140-lb. division; ■ Spike 22/Ground Fu’s Jun “Shockeraba” San Nicolas vs. Marianas Elite’s Martin Ayuyu in the 130-b. division; ■ Trench Tech’s Slade “The Rage” Adelbai vs. Team Psycho MMA’s Toby “Big Tobz” Mesa in the 190-lb. division; ■ Psycho Gym Guam’s Warren “Killa” Quinata vs. Fasi “Quikdraw” Jesse in the 155-lb. division; ■ Team Subdue’s “Infamous” Ray Apiag vs. Predator Com-

bat Team’s Nate “The Terrible” Flores in the 155-lb. division; and ■ Team Subdue’s Gilbert “Guamaniac” Meno vs. Team Zogai’s Shane “Insane” Camacho in the 180-lb. division. Sonny Chargualaf of Team Countershot, meanwhile, will duke it out against Maitai “The Charger” Charley of Marianas Elite in the evening’s special kickboxing bout. Tickets for Trench Warz X: Collision are now on sale and also available at the door. General admission costs \$25 and VIP is \$35. Alvarez said the venue will open at 7pm with the fights starting at 8pm.

## RUBAK

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semis entry after taking the No. 1 spot in the regular season with their 10-2 record. After failing to score in the first two innings, rightfielder Ronald Camacho gave Rubak its first run in the game, as his single brought Sherwin Moded home in the third. Rubak made it 3-1 on centerfielder Otes Olkeriil’s two-run single. However, Lancheros, who made its first run at the bottom of the first on Ben Mesa’s one-run single, quickly tied the game, 3-3, after Bill Aguon hit a solo homer and Ed Cabrera’s single brought Joe Lizama home.

Neither team scored in the next two innings until a one-run single from Poland Yamada and a Wally Emul run on Lancheros’ error broke Rubak’s silence at the top of the sixth and gave their team a 5-3 lead. Rubak completed the upset when it held Lancheros to a run in the last two innings. Donald Crisostimo ended Lancheros’ drought at the bottom of the seventh inning and kept the team’s hopes alive when his sacrifice fly to leftfield brought John Aldan home. Earlier Lancheros leadoff batter Ray Aldan also flied out to leftfield. Lancheros were then called for the third out when Rubak catcher Moded caught a John Tomokane pop fly.

**Peleliu 7, Choll Aces 4** Peleliu booked the third semis ticket after thumping Choll Aces, 7-4. Pitcher Norman Mobel and Peleliu’s defense shut out Choll Aces in the first four innings to seize control of the playoff game. On offense, shortstop Poland Masaharu went 3-for-4 at bat and his solo homer at the top of the first gave Peleliu a good start. France Denziro was only 1-for-3 at the plate, but hit a two-run single in the second, as Peleliu scored four runs in that inning to take a 5-0 lead. Choll Aces finally scored in the fourth on Lucian George and Marvin Fritz’s two-run

single each in the fifth inning, but Choll Aces failed to keep their momentum, as they did not score, anew in the last two innings. The best that Choll Aces could do in the last two innings was reached second base. They went only 3-for-9 at bat in the last two innings and had five batters flying out. Peleliu will be paired against Salty Boys in the semifinals, which will have a single-elimination format. **Salty Boys 15, Kagman Jack 0** The Salty Boys claimed the easiest win in the first round of the playoffs after blanking the last-seeded Kagman Jack, 15-0..

Runs came in a handy for Salty Boys, as they had four homers in the game with shortstop Ben Kileleman leading the list, blasting a grand slam in the third inning. Percy Omechelang and Luis Ngiraikelau tallied two-run homer each, while John Kintaro had a solo homer in the fifth inning. Kagman Jack’s best chance to score came in the second inning when third basemen Dennis Ngeskebei advanced to third. However, with two outs and Delbert Sablan on first, pitcher Ton Magofna was thrown out on a 6-3 putout play. In the last two innings, all Kagman Jack runners could do was made it to second base.

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For the record, I had three street fights. After losing my first one to a guy bigger and older than me, I won my next two to finish with a lifetime record of 2-1. That was 37

years ago. I’m more into love than violence. So it was with some fascination that I watched boxing, growing to appreciate it, understanding why it is called the “sweet science.” Ali/Frazier, Hagler/Hearns, Leonard/Duran—they were as good as any Super Bowl,

better actually. But then boxing died. Manny Pacquiao is doing his best to keep it alive, but he’s running uphill. MMA has taken over as the prized prize-fighting. When Don Rawson and John Davis tried to revive boxing on Saipan in 2001, I was intrigued. But they were

just not able to attract enough fighters in their stable to put on a full, attractive card to bring in big crowds. Cuki Alvarez is doing that. MMA surpassed boxing in the United States, Saipan included. I personally converted after Trench Warz VII when Kelvin Fitial survived a bloody eye

gouge and came from behind to beat a determined Luka Iakopo. That was a display of guts I don’t often see. So I will be ringside at the World Resort tonight more as a sports fan than sports reporter. Oh yeah, I wrote this column listening to the Monkeys’ *I’m a Believer*.

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score. A 21-16 win in the deciding third set capped Serrano and Labuson’s come-from-behind win. The eight participating pairs were divided into two pools with the four teams in each group playing in a round-robin format. The Top 2 teams in from each pool then advanced to the semifinals. Other pairs who joined the mini-tournament were Joanie Paraiso and Danielle Pineda, Ivy Leong and Luisa Marie Camacho, Annie Saturno and Gabrielle Coloma, Kyle Gayo and Chekaina Coloma, and Ella Serrano and Precious Pascual. Winners received cash prizes and free membership to NMBA. All players were also given certificates of participation. The mini-tournament capped NMBA’s four-weekend kids clinic for 18-and-under players. The first part of a series of clinics started on June 27, the second one took place on July 11, and the last two on July 18 and 19. The clinic aimed to introduce and promote badminton to the youth and help NMBA gain more young members.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	62	39	.614	—
Boston	58	42	.580	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	55	47	.539	7 1/2
Toronto	49	53	.480	13 1/2
Baltimore	43	57	.430	18 1/2
Central Division				
Detroit	53	47	.530	—
Minnesota	52	50	.510	2
Chicago	51	51	.500	3
Cleveland	42	60	.412	12
Kansas City	40	60	.400	13
West Division				
Los Angeles	60	40	.600	—
Texas	56	43	.566	3 1/2
Seattle	53	48	.525	7 1/2
Oakland	43	57	.430	17
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Philadelphia	58	41	.586	—
Florida	53	48	.525	6
Atlanta	51	50	.505	8
New York	48	51	.485	10
Washington	32	69	.317	27
Central Division				
St. Louis	56	48	.538	—
Chicago	53	46	.535	1/2
Houston	51	50	.505	3 1/2
Milwaukee	50	51	.495	4 1/2
Cincinnati	45	55	.450	9
Pittsburgh	43	58	.426	11 1/2
West Division				
Los Angeles	62	39	.614	—
San Francisco	55	46	.545	7
Colorado	54	46	.540	7 1/2
Arizona	44	58	.431	18 1/2
San Diego	40	62	.392	22 1/2
Yesterday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 12, Houston 0				
San Francisco 1, Pittsburgh 0, 10 innings				
Florida 6, Atlanta 3				
San Diego 7, Cincinnati 1				
Colorado at New York, ppd., rain				
Milwaukee 7, Washington 5				
St. Louis 3, L.A. Dodgers 2, 15 innings				
Arizona 4, Philadelphia 0				
L.A. Angels 9, Cleveland 3				
Seattle 3, Toronto 2				
Baltimore 7, Kansas City 3				
N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 2				
Oakland 8, Boston 6				
Detroit 13, Texas 5				
Minnesota 3, Chicago White Sox 2				
By The Associated Press				



# Kosam to coach CNMI golf team

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Refaluwasch Golf Association president Jordon Lee I. Kosam will serve as coach of the CNMI national golf team that will compete in the 2009 Pacific Mini Games in Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

Kosam thanked the selection committee for choosing him skipper of the four-man golf team composed of veteran Pacific Games golfer Jess "Mr. Unorthodox" Wabol and newcomers Ralph Yumul, Carl Hocog, and Ben Duenas.

He said he will try his best to stir the CNMI golf

team to a successful campaign in the quadrennial event.

"I am a firm believer in teamwork and I always bring issues to the table for my colleagues' opinions and finalization. I am honored and very thankful to be even part of the CNMI national team tryouts alone, double that now with the opportunity to represent the CNMI during this Games. It's just a priceless opportunity that I will always cherish," he said.

Kosam also gave kudos to past national golfers



Kosam

as well as members of RGA for being supportive.

"I am very grateful to veterans of the Pacific Games, the RGA board, and those who have pioneered this association, namely Tony Rogolofoi, Jess Wabol, Sonny Flores, Manny Mangarero, Tars Olopai, Thomas Tebuteb, and John Rebutnog," he said.

Kosam said he is upbeat about the CNMI's chances in Rarotonga.

"Jess (Wabol) with his extensive background in this Games brings a lot of mental and course management to the table, especially dealing in these larger events. Ralph (Yumul), Ben (Duenas), and Carl (Hocog) also bring a lot as well too," he said.

The CNMI is one of nine nations that have registered to participate in men's golf in the

2009 Pacific Mini Games. The group includes American Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia, Niue, Samoa, Tahiti, Wallis & Futuna, Solomon Islands, and host Cook Islands.

The RGA president also invited the island's golfers to take part in the fundraisers they have planned to alleviate the team's travel cost.

"We have scheduled on Aug. 16 our mini golf tournament fundraiser. We have also set on Sept. 5, 2009 our main golf tournament fundraiser. We are also grateful to have NMASA's support. NMASA will subsidize a portion of the team travel cost. The team is currently fundraising for the rest of the travel portion. Overall, as part of the national team, we are honored and excited to bring back the CNMI's golf participation to the Pacific Mini Games," he said.

## Gomez tops Saturday 8-ball

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Erwin Gomez followed up a monumental collapse in the first game of the finals with

a flawless one in the second to emerge victorious in last Saturday's Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament.

Gomez earned the twice-to-beat advantage in the championship round after beating Zheng Jian Qing in the semis.

That game saw the Saipan Computer Services technician successfully play a miracle kick shot on the 8-ball that was snookered into the pocket.

After a series of elimination round matches, Zheng punched the second finals ticket after outlasting last week's champion Bradley Demapan in the semis.

The rest proved disastrous for Gomez in Game 1 of the finals though, as he fouled an attempt after shooting an unsuccessful safety shot. The miscue gave Zheng a ball-in-hand situation, which he made the most of by running his remaining three balls and the 8-ball.

Gomez, however, more than made up for the booboo by win-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Champion Erwin Gomez is flanked by runners-up Zheng Jian Qing, left, and Bradley Demapan following last Saturday's Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament.

ning Game 2 running away. He didn't give Zheng an opportunity as he run the table after a successful break to clinch the weekly championship.

The victory was worth \$80 for Gomez, while Zheng and Demapan settled for the \$50 and \$30 runner-up cash prizes.

Gomez, Zheng, and Demapan were part of another full 16-player field last weekend at the Garapan sports bar and watering hole.

Gomez advanced after taking out Juancho Mendoza in the first round, while Zheng debuted strong against Renato

Blanco. Demapan, however, lost his opening match against the wily Joey Lucido.

Other first round winners were Robert Sanciango (vs. Ghel Mark Cabrera), Mark Butac (vs. Roman Rodriguez), Luis Fajardo (vs. Rolly Villanueva), R.J. Mascarinas (vs. Roger Espiritu), and Victor S. Hocog (vs. Dean Borja).

In the second round, Sanciango got the better of Butac, Zheng beat Fajardo, Gomez waylaid Mascarinas, and Lucido defeated Hocog.

Gomez and Zheng then se-

cured the semis showdown after outclassing Lucido and Sanciango, respectively.

The Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament is held every Saturday and adopts a double-elimination format with a maximum of 16 players.

The entrance fee is \$10 and the tournament uses the rules of the Billiards Congress of America. Practice is free between 7pm to 8pm on game day.

For more information on the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament, call manager Zheng Jian Qing at 287-7676.

## Saturno, Malasarte top badminton mini-tourney

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Participants in the Northern Marianas Badminton Association's kids clinic got their first taste of competition when NMBA held a mini-tournament last July 19 at the REM court in Gualo Rai.

The one-day doubles tournament attracted 18 players with the tandem of Joshua Saturno and Amor Malasarte besting eight other pairs. Saturno and Malasarte took the doubles title after beating Mika Serrano and

Eanah Labuson in the finals in straight sets, 21-18, 21-19.

The eventual champions advanced to the title game after slipping past Jerome Malasarte and Natalie Hirsbein in the semifinals, 22-20, 22-20.

The other semis pairing saw the duo of Serrano and Labuson bouncing back from a first set loss and winning the last two to thwart Nicole Malasarte and Iris Leong. Serrano and Labuson lost by two points in the first set, 19-21, but claimed the second

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From left, runners-up Eanah Labuson and Mika Serrano pose with NMBA mini-tournament champions Joshua Saturno and Amor Malasarte after their title game on July 19 at the REM court in Gualo Rai.



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Janece Camacho eyes the ball during their game against Advance X-Termination in the first qualifier for the 2009 Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds Softball Tournament at the Capital Hill Ballfield last month.

## 7 teams target second qualifying slot in KOD

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Seven teams so far have expressed an interest in competing in this weekend's qualifier for the 2009 Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds Softball Tournament at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

At stake in the tournament that will be played tomorrow and on Sunday will be the second qualifying slot for the "Tournament of Champions" of the Saipan leg of the KOD.

Advance X-Terminators claimed the first slot after beating Kulan Zamu in the finals, 1-0, on

Manny Sablan's game-winning single to deep right field.

The X-Terminators and Kulan Zamu will be among the seven teams that will return at the Capital Hill Ballfield to compete in the second qualifier. If the X-Terminators prevail again, they will only take the winner's prize, but the second KOD berth will go to the runner-up.

Other teams competing for the second KOD seat are Banzai, Jets, Sokau, SaiPal, and Natibu.

Liz Palacios, who is helping coordinator Joey Dela Cruz organize the series of qualifiers, said they are waiting for one more team to complete the

eight-squad cast.

Representatives of interested teams met last night at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and discussed ground rules and schedule of the qualifier.

The weekend tournament will have a double-elimination format.

After the weekend qualifier, one tournament each in September and October will be held to determine the last two qualifiers. The third qualifier is set for Sept. 26 and 27, while the fourth/consolation round is scheduled for Oct. 3 and 4.

The fourth/consolation round will determine the team to get the last spot on the "Tournament of Champions."

Only squads that competed in at least two of the first three rounds are allowed to join the consolation round. The first three qualifiers will have an entrance fee of \$150 per team, while the fourth/consolation round is free.

The "Tournament of Champions" will be played on Oct. 17 and 18 with the winner moving into the 2009 Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds Softball Tournament and battling champion teams from Guam, Palau, and Pohnpei.

Saipan will host the KOD from Nov. 12 to 15.

For more information about KOD, contact Dela Cruz at 483-4185 or Palacios at 287-8869.





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**After stunning loss, Phelps rebounds with record**

Michael Phelps had another swimsuit issue. It didn't slow him down this time. Phelps bounced back from a stunning loss with something more familiar—a world record in the 200-meter butterfly Wednesday. **32**



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## More PBTs for Cooper, Shin in Rome



Cooper Graf, seen here competing in a local tournament early this year, submitted his fourth personal best time in the 13th FINA World Championships in Italy after competing in the 100m freestyle last Wednesday.

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**M**ission accomplished for Cooper Graf after the 16-year-old notched his fourth per-

sonal best time in Day 4 of the 13th FINA World Championships in Rome, Italy.

Graf, who aimed to make personal bets times in all four individual events in his second World Cham-

pionships stint, swam in the 100m freestyle qualifying race last Wednesday night (Wednesday morning on Saipan) and timed in at one minute, 1.30 seconds, besting his old record by more

than a second. His previous best mark and qualifying time is 1:02.95.

His first three personal best times in this year's World Championships came in the 50m butterfly (30.11 seconds), 200m freestyle (2:12.17), and 800m freestyle (9:38.96). Graf's time in the

800m freestyle is also a new record in the 17 to 18 age group, passing the 9:45.97 mark Shin Kimura made in Guam in May this year.

In his fourth and last individual race in the tournament, Graf was fourth

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## Fitial-Chong match headlines Trench Warz X tonight

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**T** Mixed martial arts fans will have the time of their lives when Trench Warz X: Collision rocks the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall beginning at 8pm tonight.

A total of 10 Saipan vs. Guam MMA matches and a kickboxing exhibition will be on the fight card with the main event between Marianas Elite's Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial and THUGCOP's Manny "The Enforcer" Chong expected to elicit the loudest cheers.

Trench Tech president and promoter extraordinaire Cuki Alvarez assured fans that the Fitial-Chong rematch will be a fight for the ages.

"Chong, who at 41 years old, is considered by many to be past his prime. He, however, is a veteran MMA fighter with an MMA record of 17 big wins with only six defeats. All his losses were against UFC superstars, PXC

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Kelvin Fitial, right, playfully challenges Trench Warz X: Collision ring announcer L.J. Castro in a face-off, as Fitial's foe in the main event, Manny Chong of Guam, could not make it to the weigh-in yesterday at Club V at Saipan Grand Hotel.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

## Rubak stuns Lancheros in Belau playoffs

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Rubak advanced to the semifinals of the 2009 Belau Masters Slow-pitch Softball League after pulling off a 5-4 upset over Lancheros last Sunday at the Dandan Elementary School Ballfield.

Rubak finished the regular season second to the last in the team standings after winning only four games in 12 matches. Lancheros were ranked fourth with an 8-4 record.

With the stunning win, Rubak are now in the Final Four and will be facing pennant champion IT&E Dolphins in the semifinals this Sunday. The Dolphins automatically gained a

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## It's on!

**A**fter a decade of basically being a fringe sport, mixed martial arts is now mainstream. UFC 100 drew 1.5 million pay-per-view customers at fifty bucks a pop. That's \$75 million in one night, bay-bee.

That's not chump change.

Consider this over your cheeseburger with pickle: UFC 100 was the third highest pay-per-view fight of all time. De La Hoya/Mayweather two years ago is tops with 2.15 million customers bringing in \$120,000,000, followed by Tyson's chomping on Holyfield's ear which was bought by 1.99 million gawkers.

Thanks to ESPN's heavy coverage of Brock Lesnar's pounding of Frank Mir, MMA was seen by Chicago Cub fans whether they like it or not.

Baseball has long been Saipan's national pastime but mixed

martial arts has emerged as a strong rival.

Since arriving here back when this place was the TTPI, not CNMI, the most fans I have seen at a sporting event came in 2006 at the gold medal baseball game between Guam and the CNMI with at least 2,000 people, perhaps more. But that was free so it's hard to compare that with a paying attendance.

Nonetheless, I guarantee more fans will pay \$25/35 for tonight's Trench Warz X: Collision, than there were at this year's free Budweiser Saipan Major League championship. The World Resort will be packed like a can of nuts.

Baseball was and is my first love (you can only have one first love, right?) but I loved playing football and crave watching it on television. While I could play those sports, I can't really fight. Thankfully, I haven't had too.

The only time I tried boxing with gloves, my sparring partner hit me square on the tip of my big nose. I quit. Hurt too much. And since I could stop and my brain was telling me to stop, I did.

## OFF THE BENCH

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When I was in high school, my friend took me to a karate lesson. While I was standing there, the short Korean instructor thrust his foot to within one inch of my forehead before I could even move. Well, to be honest, I wasn't expecting that, but still .... anyway, I was more intimidated than impressed. I never went back.

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